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Diamond Village events – get involved!

The Framework Knitters Museum in collaboration with Glassball

Did you know that Ruddington was known as the Diamond Village because of the patterns on the socks that were made here in framework knitting days?

In celebration of our amazing heritage, the Framework Knitters Museum invites you to get creative – we want you to work with us to create “The Ruddington Great Exhibition of 2021”.

We’ll be playing with scale, pattern, code, art, history and sound to produce unique experiences and artworks that tell your story of Ruddington – The Diamond Village.



Would you like to create soundscapes that tell the story of our village? Do you want to make edible artworks? How about making diamond artworks to display in your window? Or what about knitting with LEDs?



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Neighbourhood Plan Referendum



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Neighbourhood Plan

Ruddington Neighbourhood Plan has now reached its final stage and will be holding a Referendum on Thursday 22nd July.

This is a direct vote in which you're asked to either accept or reject the following proposal: "Do you want Rushcliffe Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Ruddington to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?"

In order for Ruddington Neighbourhood Plan to be used to help decide planning applications in the Parish, over 51% of those voting in the Referendum must vote "Yes". If this happens, as well as the Plan being used to help determine planning applications, 25% of revenues from the Community Infrastructure Levy arising from local housing developments will be paid to the Parish Council to fund projects that will benefit the community. This would represent a big increase on the current 15% funding to which the Council is entitled.

On Referendum Day, Thursday 22nd July, the polling stations to be used will be St Peter's Rooms and the Village Hall.

Please take this important opportunity to have your say on how the future of our village and its infrastructure.

To find out more, please visit <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections/referendums/> or <http://www.ruddingtonnp.org.uk/>.

Vaccinations update

The local COVID-19 vaccination booking system is now open to everyone aged 18 and over. You can now book appointments at a larger vaccination centre or pharmacy, or wait to be invited to a local NHS service.



Or, you can book your vaccination using the [Swiftqueue service](#) or by calling 0115 883 4640. You don't need to wait for a letter to arrive.

It's possible that certain groups of at-risk 16 and 17 year olds may be offered a vaccine in the near future, but the Government won't be rolling out the jab to all children just yet.

For all enquiries on vaccination appointments, please visit [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's CCG website](#).

COVID-19 roadmap

Step 4 delayed

As a result of the Delta variant leading to a rise in Covid-19 cases, the Government has unfortunately had to delay Step 4 of the Lockdown Roadmap. This means we're still in Step 3. It's expected that we'll move to Step 4 on Monday 19th July, although this won't be confirmed until Monday 12th July.

In the meantime, here's a reminder of the changes that were made for Step 3 and which are in force at the moment.

Social contact

Most restrictions on meeting others outdoors have been lifted – although gatherings of over 30 people are still illegal. Indoors, the “Rule of 6” or 2 households applies. You should continue to keep your distance from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

If you're indoors in any type of public building, or on public transport, you must wear a face covering unless you're exempt.

Business and activities

Most businesses are now open in all but the highest risk sectors. COVID-Secure guidance remains in place and businesses may not cater for groups bigger than the legal limits.

Indoor hospitality has reopened, with

no need to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew. However, customers must still order, eat and drink whilst seated.

Other indoor locations now open include indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas; the rest of the accommodation sector, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes.

The Government is now allowing some larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number), and in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number). In the largest outdoor seated venues where crowds can be spread out, up to 10,000 people can attend

Events

There is no longer a maximum number cap for attendees set out in law. Instead, the number of attendees at weddings, civil partnerships and receptions is determined by how many people the venue or space can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place.

Review of social distancing

Before Step 4 begins, the Government will complete another review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission.

This will inform decisions on the timing and circumstances under which the rules on “1 metre plus”, the wearing of face coverings and other measures may be lifted. This will also inform guidance on working from home, which should continue wherever possible until this review is complete.

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

Ruddington Diary

With Step 4 of the Lockdown Roadmap delayed, we’re still in Step 3, so there’s no Diary for this month. However, many indoor and outdoor events and activities have resumed, so there’s plenty going on.

For the latest information, 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.

If you go inside any of our village businesses or outlets, or use public transport, please remember that face coverings and social distancing are still mandatory for the time being.



Baby Bundles

Keyworth & Ruddington Inner Wheel

One of the main aims of the Inner Wheel of Keyworth and Ruddington is to foster friendships and provide aid internationally as well as in Great Britain. One of the ways of doing so is to provide “Baby Bundles” to women in parts of Africa who are having babies.



The bundles contain items such as blankets, nappies, a flannel and soap, a soft toy and a selection of clothes, baby vests and sleep suits. As the bundles are given out at ante natal clinics, they provide an incentive for women to attend a clinic before giving birth.

When circumstances allow, we aim to make up approximately 50 bundles at each of the two or the sessions we hold each year. The bundles are collected and delivered by the National Police Aid Charity.

Kip Herrington

Debutots Nottingham

Hello, my name is Louise Howard. I'm a qualified primary and SEN teacher and I now run Debutots Nottingham, a network of drama practitioners that run interactive storytelling and drama play classes across the country for children aged 6 months up to 7 years old.



Our classes are a unique blend of original stories, drama play, games and more!

I chose to become a Debutots franchisee as I related to its core values to nurture and develop confidence, creativity and language and literacy skills in young children.

There are many benefits of our parent and child classes. They provide the opportunity for families to get out of the house and they take the pressure off parents and carers having to entertain, tidy, or think about work for a while.

Adults can embrace having fun, being a bit silly and enjoy watching their little

ones immerse themselves in their story adventures!

Our parent and child classes also provide the opportunity for families to interact and meet with other families from the community and to talk about the pains and triumphs of everyday life.

The children have opportunities to interact with others around their age and have an amazing time whilst learning and growing in confidence throughout the classes.

I feel grateful that my job allows me to meet so many amazing families and I get to watch little ones grow in confidence every week.

Our Family Story Play Classes run at Ruddington Village Hall on Thursday afternoons at 1:35pm. Please come along to discover more!

Louise Howard,
Debutots Nottingham

Crime figures for Ruddington

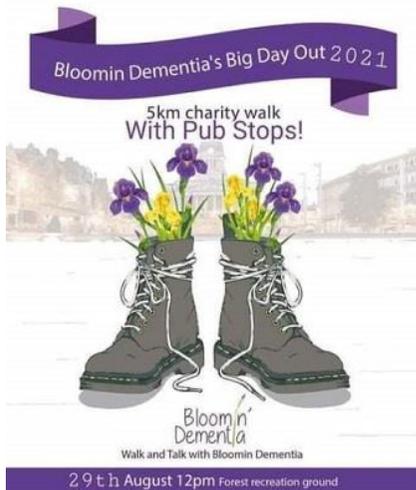
For May 2021, these were as follow:

- 3 x theft of fuel
- 1 x criminal damage
- 1 x theft from shop
- 2 x theft of catalytic converter
- 1 x vehicle entered, nothing taken
- 1 x car door handle tried

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

Bloomin' Dementia's "Big Day Out"

The August Bank Holiday weekend will see the welcome return of a Ruddington charity's main annual fundraiser – after it had to be cancelled last year due to COVID-19.



Since Bloomin' Dementia's very successful "Big Day Out" in 2019 – rebranded from "Walking with Dementia" in previous years – the Coronavirus pandemic has caused an unwelcome two year interval, meaning that funds are needed this year more than ever before.

The village-based charity, which enjoyed a high profile launch at 4 Easthorpe Street in November 2017, aims to give a better quality of life to dementia sufferers and their families, with all its services provided free of charge.

The date for Bloomin' Dementia's "Big Day Out" 2021 is set for Sunday 29th August from midday – with fingers crossed that restrictions will not return and kibosh the event again this year.

Organiser Amy Troke says: "The format of the event is staying very similar to previous years with us meeting at the Forest Recreation Ground to begin our 5k walk with plenty of refreshment stops, including some new additions which will be announced in the near future.

"The aim this year is not only social inclusion for all, but more money raised and even more fun than we had before."

Amy adds: "After missing last year's event due to COVID-19 this year's is even more important. The money raised from the 'Big Day Out' is an integral part of our funding and really does make a huge difference to the lives of people living with dementia."

The charity says absolutely anyone can join Bloomin' Dementia's "Big Day Out" so long as you are able to walk 5km with a few "pit stops" along the way. To sign up you need to pay a £10 registration and pledge to raise £50. Please register at the charity's [Virgin Money Giving page](#) and then email your details to Amy@bloomin-dementia.org.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Why is there a gap in the railings?

I am interested in local history. A couple of years ago, I discovered a Facebook page called “Nottingham Way Back When”. This page has over 67,000 followers and posts pictures to evoke memories.

In July 2020, they posted a picture of the Ruddington Depot, where surplus military equipment was sold at auction between 1946 and 1983.

It evoked literally hundreds of memories and one in particular caught my eye: *“I’ve also got a claim to fame in Ruddington, on The Village Green, still there till this day. Has anybody seen it?”*

A few months previously, I’d been told that a lady had visited the old school, now Adlard Print, whilst on a visit from Australia. She had showed them a section of the iron railings with a bit missing – and said it was her brother’s fault!

Intrigued, I contacted John Carroll who’d posted the comment and arranged to meet him. In early June, he and his wife Diane came from their home in Netherfield to Ruddington and John recalled the incident.

In the 1950s, his family lived on Asher Lane. At the weekends and in the holidays, local children used to play in the playground of the Boys’ Endowed School (now Adlard Print).

On one occasion, as a young child of around 5 years old, he tried to copy the older children by putting his head through the railings. Unfortunately, he didn’t know that one railing space was narrower than the others and he put his head through the wrong one! He was well and truly stuck.



John’s sister ran to get their Mum and she liberally greased his neck with butter to try and release him, but to no avail. The Fire Brigade was summoned. Fortunately, at that time there was a small local fire station on Loughborough Road so they arrived quickly. They had to cut through the railings to release him – hence the gap.

We went to visit the scene of the crime and John shared the story with a current staff member at Adlard Print. John also recalled with great fondness growing up in the village and the fact that his Dad worked at the Ruddington Depot in the 1950s.

So, if you’re ever walking near Adlard Print why not see if you can spot the incomplete railing?

Barbara Breakwell

Happy 25th Birthday Zebra Crossing!

In July 1996, a long-awaited addition appeared in our village.

After years of campaigning for a safe way to cross the High Street, at last a Zebra Crossing was installed from the chip shop corner across to the other side.

This welcome safety feature remains today as the only Zebra Crossing in our village.

Barbara Breakwell

Inspector's update – June 2021

My name is Craig Berry and I'm the officer responsible for the policing of Rushcliffe Borough.

Over the month of May we saw an emerging pattern of bike thefts taking place in and around West Bridgford Town Centre outside the main shops and supermarkets. In addition, bikes have been stolen from the cycle huts at Rushcliffe Arena and Roko Gym.

In response to the increase in bike theft, we've deployed capture bikes at problem locations which resulted in an 18 year old man from Aspley being arrested and charged with bike theft on Thursday 3rd June.

Criminals are using bolt croppers to cut through weaker chain locks and coil locks. We strongly advise that cyclists invest in a decent D lock as these are far less likely to be targeted.

With the arrival of summer, there's a predictable return to certain other crimes such as shed burglary and walk-in house burglaries.

Please think carefully about how you can prevent yourself, your family and your neighbours becoming a victim. There's a lot of advice [on our website](#) and the starting point should be that we don't make it easy for criminals.



We've continued to work on the April to June local policing priorities and have seen a reduction in antisocial behaviour reports, which is good to see.

In the next few weeks, we'll advertise our summer engagement plans which will tell you where and when you can come and see us over the summer to discuss any concerns and seek advice.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Inspector Craig Berry

Skate Park now open

Skaters, scooter riders and BMXers are celebrating as Rushcliffe Country Park's new skate park is now open! The new facility has replaced the former wooden structure which was badly in need of refurbishment.

The £210,000 project was funded by Rushcliffe Borough Council and supported by Skate Nottingham, Canvas Spaces, and VIA East Midlands.



The skate park itself was developed alongside Skate Nottingham, science education charity Ignite! Futures and Nottingham Trent University. 110 young people got involved in co-designing the new facility through a series of workshops and by work experience during the construction phase.

The skate park has been praised as another landmark facility in the county, as a street course designed to blend into a country park setting that can meet the needs of future Olympic skateboarders and BMXers whilst being inclusive to beginner riders and the differently abled.

Representatives from each of the funding and development organisations

gathered on Friday 11th June to open the park and test out the new features. A grand opening event is planned later this summer when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

Reach Rushcliffe fund expanded

The Borough Council has further extended its Reach Rushcliffe fund, which is dedicated to supporting projects across the Borough that tackle loneliness and isolation.

Being connected with other people matters for everyone's health and COVID-19 has further highlighted how social isolation can be bad for our mental and physical health.

Isolation is fast becoming one of the greatest national social challenges of our time. It also has close links to issues such as obesity, smoking and the risk of dementia.

Projects looking to secure Reach Rushcliffe funding should aim to take steps to make contact with and engage individuals or groups in our communities who may have little or no social contact.

This could be initiatives based around a structured befriending initiative to check on individuals, lunch clubs, or safe regular social meet-up events in line with Government advice.

To find out more, please visit <http://rushcliffe.gov.uk/health/reachrushcliffe/>.



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“Behind the Scenes at the Museum”

As many village residents will know, the Framework Knitters Museum is currently undergoing major redevelopment works to expand the museum space into an adjoining building and create a brand new visitor attraction. Over the summer, the museum is offering unique opportunities to be amongst the first to see how the new museum is shaping up, and to be part of creating this handmade site.



On Saturdays throughout July and August, groups of up to 6 people can book exclusive visits to tour the site and explore spaces that no one usually sees.

You'll find out what it takes to bring back historic interiors and enjoy the artwork that artists have been inspired to create for the museum.

You can even make your own souvenir on an antique knitting machine, or help create the cottage interiors by placing a historic object in its new home.

“Behind the Scenes” visits cost £10 per group. Places are limited and Covid-secure measures will be in place throughout the site to keep visitors, staff and volunteers safe. Please visit www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk to book your tour online.

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