

THE RUDD

RUDDBEST

Back in the dim and distant past of Lockdown 1 (or was 2, 3 or 4?) we had a dream.

A dream to be a community again, to have fun, to be with those we care about, to remember those we lost, to mark what has been one of the most traumatic events of recent years. To get back to some sort of normality: together.

Out of that dream, RUDDBEST was born. So what on earth is RUDDBEST?



RUDDBEST is a major celebration on 2nd October 2021, following on from the monthly Village Market, with events taking place across two major spaces in the village centre: the Village Green and St Peter's Church campus.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

It will be a celebration of all that is great about living in Ruddington and being part of the community here. Planned and run entirely by volunteers, the event is non-profit making and run by the people of Ruddington, for the people of Ruddington.

Attractions include Games on the Green, Fun Dog show, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Traditional Tea Dances, Little 'Ps' go Wild, Best Scarecrow Competition, Bring and Share What You've Grown (allotment swap shop), Ruddington Community Choir, live music, Pause to Ponder stations, belly dancers (yes, Ruddington does have its own group!) storytelling and comedy skits. It will all be rounded off with a community supper followed by live jazz in the church (bring your own alcohol).

It promises to be a fantastic day, and we still need more volunteers. If you can spare some time to help, please contact Jane or Liz on 07967 443 463 or 07967 443 464.

RUDDBEST Village Day

Fun Dog Show!

When: Saturday 2nd October

Where: On the Village Green.

How to apply: Applications available from The Pet Pantry, Ruddington from 1st September.

Closing date: 14th September.

A Fun Show for all the family especially our furry family!

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump St Peter's Church, Ruddington

**Saturday 25th September
2.00 – 4.00 pm**

Is your teddy brave enough to make a parachute jump from the church tower?

The first ever Teddy Bear Parachute Jump to be held in Ruddington is to take place on Saturday 25th September 2021, in aid of Save the Children.

The idea is for children to make parachutes for their teddies or other soft toys and then bring them along on the day to register to make the jump from the church tower. There are lots of instructions available on line about making parachutes from plastic bags, fabrics or paper – the choice of material is up to you.

A single jump will cost £2.00 and all further jumps will cost £1.00. All toys successfully completing the jump will receive a certificate and there will be prizes for the best parachutes.

There will be stalls and refreshments on offer on the day, either in the church grounds or inside the church if wet.

All proceeds from the event will go to Save the Children.

For any further details, please contact Jane Piggott on 07790 295 266 or at je.piggott@btinternet.com.

Grab a Job!

Anyone aged 16 or 17 can now walk in for their COVID-19 vaccination at selected sites without needing to book an appointment. Locally to Rushcliffe, the closest sites are at Forest Recreation and QMC.



Those aged 18 and over can still receive a vaccination by walking into any vaccination site in Nottinghamshire for a jab.

Those eligible can also get a vaccine without an appointment and those who have had their first dose 56 days ago (eight weeks) can walk in for their second dose.

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

An invitation to join Renew Green Spaces (community allotment)

From January this year, a space has been set aside at the Hareham Garden Allotments to support the wellbeing of

people in Ruddington.

Through the winter, spring, and summer we have met on a Monday between 12 noon and 2pm to dig, grow and weed the allotment but also to gently work together, chat and develop relationships.

We know the past 18 months have been tough on people's mental health and wellbeing, and many people feel isolated.

The open space of the allotment has meant that we have been able to get together safely and legally outside, and have continued to meet, grow plants, and grow relationships.

Renew Green Spaces is run by volunteers from Ruddington Baptist Church and is connected to the Renew Cafe which meets at The Hub on Musters Road on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4pm.

Renew Green Spaces is about being outside, enjoying the opportunity to garden, but also to rest and restore in the company of others.

If you would like to visit the allotment, or maybe you have a friend or family member who's struggling with their mental health, anxiety or isolation and who may benefit from trying out Renew Green Spaces, please contact Sam Hackett at sam.hackett@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk or on 07403 519 704.

Please keep testing and wearing face masks!

England has now entered Step 4 of the COVID-19 roadmap with no restrictions in place. The Prime Minister has asked people to keep wearing face coverings in crowded or enclosed areas, such as shops and on public transport.

The Borough Council is continuing to remind residents to take a regular lateral flow test at home or at one of [Rushcliffe's Community Testing sites](#) until further notice. Please remember that if you develop any symptoms, you should [book a test](#) straightaway.

Signage at Borough Council sites informs Councillors, staff, residents and visitors to "please wear a face covering should you wish to".

Meanwhile at Nottingham University Hospitals including QMC and City Hospital, those attending the sites still need wear a face mask, use hand sanitiser and socially distance two metres until further notice, to help keep vulnerable patients and staff safe.

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



Diary Note

With Step 4 of the lockdown roadmap now in place, life is beginning to get back to normal in the village.

However, we don't yet have enough information about confirmed events to create a diary page. We're hoping to restart the diary in both The Rudd and on the Parish Council website soon.

For the latest information on 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.

If you go inside any of our village businesses or outlets, or use public transport, please wear a face covering and observe social distancing if you can, although this is no longer mandatory.

Crime figures for Ruddington

For July 2021, these were as follow:

- 1 x trespassing and forced entry
- 1 x theft of scaffolding
- 7 x criminal damage
- 1 x burglary
- 3 x cars broken into

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

Ruddington RDA Group – long service awards

The Ruddington RDA Group is a registered charity which was founded in 1988 to give children with severe learning difficulties from Nethergate Academy in Clifton the opportunity to ride, combining learning, therapy and fun.

The Group is run wholly by volunteers so it was with great pride that the presentation of long service awards was made on Thursday 1st July at the Meadow School of Riding, Normanton-on-Soar by Maria Holdaway, the RDA North Midlands Regional Chairman. The following volunteers were recognised for their hard work and dedication:

Christine Whiteside, who is Chairman and a tireless fundraiser, and **Tracy Madgwick**, who is Treasurer and also involved with the riding sessions and fundraising activities. Both collected the Certificate of Recognition for 20 years' service with the Ruddington RDA Group.

Lorraine Levell was presented with the Pearl Award for 30 years' service for helping with the riders including coaching in the Nottingham RDA Group, S. Notts RDA Group and the Ruddington RDA Group.

Dawn Whitmore-Kirby, the longest serving member, received the 40 years of service Ruby Award for the unstinting time and dedication to RDA.

Dawn is currently North Midlands Regional Coach and Acting Chairman, Wenlo RDA Group Coach and Leicestershire County Coach.

We are indebted to all these volunteers for giving so generously of their time and energy over the years and making a difference to the lives so many people who benefit enormously from riding.



For more information about volunteering please get in touch with the Group contact, Patricia Steven, at patriciaSTEVEN@btinternet.com.

Craft Group returns

It is hoped that in September, the Ruddington Craft Group will be able to meet again.

So, all being well our first meeting will be on Monday 6th September at the usual time of 10am in St Peter's Rooms, with Sandra leading the session.

Be assured that COVID-19 safety measures will be in place. It will be good to see everyone again and new people are more than welcome.

Chris Gibson

RVCP's Young Entrepreneurs Project



Ruddington Village Centre Partnership was pleased to welcome Lucy from In The Mix to her first Ruddington Market in August.

Lucy is the first participant of the Young Entrepreneurs Project, which is aiming to support young people aged 16 to 30 from Nottinghamshire to start and develop a business idea through providing coaching and mentoring in key areas and helping them run a stall over a 4 month period at the market.

Lucy got in touch with us back in May to tell us about her brilliant brownie-making venture, which she started in lockdown. She impressed us with her passion and determination, and we were thrilled to have her on board as our first participant for the project.

Lucy has received coaching and mentoring from our partners at Black Cat Accounting, WigWag and The Bottle Top, covering topics including branding, business set-up, book-keeping, stock control, sustainability and social media. We're super excited to see Lucy in her element at her first market on Saturday and you'll be able to see her stall in

September, October and November.

If this project is something you would like to be involved with in the future, please check out our website, Young Entrepreneurs Scheme Ruddington, at www.ruddingtonvillagemarket.co.uk.

Our next applications close at the end of November.

Justine Lucas

Nappuccinos

Back by popular demand!

Nappuccinos is a popular group for parents and carers with babies under the age of 1 that has been running in Ruddington for over 10 years.

It is known for its warm welcome, homemade cake and as a place where parents and carers can make friends and find some much-needed rest.

Nappuccinos is run by volunteers from Ruddington Baptist Church and meets in their building called The Hub on Musters Road (The Hub, 62 Musters Road, Ruddington, NG11 6HW).

Having taken a break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Nappuccinos is returning this September and will be meeting weekly on a Monday morning from 10 to 11:45am.

“Come and find a comfy sofa, toys and songs to enjoy with your baby, a warm cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake and some great company.”

Nappuccinos Team

**RUDDINGTON
RYTHM
RETURNS**
Unmasked and
double jabbed

Thursday 16 Sep at 8pm

**The Cottage Hotel
Easthorpe Street, Ruddington NG11 6LA**

**All styles of live music
and song (open mic)...
listen & enjoy in this
great venue · it's FREE!**

Further info: Ron 07850 770477

225 years and counting!

No less than four Methodist buildings still remain in Ruddington, with the 1873 chapel on Church Street still a very active presence in the village.

After nearly 18 months of complete shut-down or occasional services, we are about to open our doors every Sunday at 10.30am starting on 5th September! Singing is allowed!

Also, our Saturday Coffee Morning will reappear on Saturday 4th September when we shall be holding a mini-sale (there will be cake!) from 10.00am to 12noon.

Monies raised will go toward the outside painting of the building – work which has been on hold during the pandemic.

The Fellowship Group (all welcome) will now meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.30pm starting on 1st September, when Revd. Nichola Jones will join us in Holy Communion. David Johnson will entertain us at the October meeting with his “Below Stairs” stories of working as a butler in some grand houses.

Nichola Jones became our minister last September and is really looking forward to welcoming back members and friends old and new, and experiencing the full life of the Church.

Kathy Powis

Ruddington Horticultural Show



Following very successful Village Shows in the past, Ruddington Gardeners' Association will be hosting the Village Horticultural Show in St Peter's Rooms on Saturday 18th September 2021.

Entry is free for participants and the public, so the Show is open to everyone.

Staging of exhibits is from 8.00 to 9.30am with judging from 9.30 to 11.00am. The show will be open to the public from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

There'll be classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, and photography, with prizes for all children who enter the show. Several village groups will have displays about their activities, including the U3A.

The show schedule is on the Ruddington Gardeners' website at www.ruddingtongardeners.co.uk.

Our last Village Show in 2019 was great fun and a real success. Please take part this year and help fill St Peter's Rooms with colourful exhibits.

Mike Davey

Supporting our communities

Throughout the pandemic, members of the Rotary club of Rushcliffe have been busy supporting community projects. These include:

Food Banks. Members have collected food from various shops and warehouses and delivered it to local Food Banks for distribution. This commitment has been ongoing for 9 months and some weeks over 1,000kg of food has been collected and delivered. Members have also have been busy distributing food parcels and hot meals to those in need.



The Friary. The club has organised working parties to clear, clean and refurbish buildings at the West Bridgford site.

Keyworth Show. Members played a small but important part in the success of the Show by monitoring entries to the Village Hall Car Park and to the showground.

Litter. Members have joined with village volunteers for a regular monthly litter pick around Keyworth.

Donations. Not only have members actively participated in community service but, due to money generously donated by the public at Christmas, the club has been able to offer financial support to other groups serving the local community including Advice Centres, Food Banks and First Responders.

Donations have also been made to charities researching Prostate Cancer, Meningitis and Alzheimer's. The last donation was made following a request from a local student organising a team of fellow university students to relay swim across the Channel. Not only did they succeed but did so in the fastest time achieved so far this year!

The club is keen to attract new members so if you'd like to learn more about Rushcliffe Rotary, you can [find us on Facebook](#) or [visit our website](#). Alternatively, if you'd like an informal chat about the club, please contact Kip Herrington on 0115 937 5397.

Kip Herrington



Anti-social Behaviour



In line with Rushcliffe Borough Council's Community Safety operations, they're reminding local residents and groups in and connected to Rushcliffe on who to contact should they experience anti-social behaviour (ASB).

We're aware this can be a wide-ranging matter affecting many organisations and individuals. When ASB occurs, it may be necessary to inform the police, a housing provider or Rushcliffe Borough Council, depending on the nature of the problem.

For example, in the case of threats or verbal abuse or malicious communications, certain incidents may be considered a criminal offence and these should always be reported to and dealt with by the police by calling 101, 999 in an emergency or online via [report a crime](#).

You can contact the Borough Council on 0115 981 9911, where calls will be recorded and the customer will either be directed to the local police with their consent, to complete the Council's [online form](#) or referred to the [national ASB help service](#).

The Borough Council will offer help and advice, and may suggest or refer to another agency such as the police but may also investigate or work with police or a social landlord in line with our [ASB policy](#).

If you have any questions please email the Community Safety team at envhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Help to Grow funding available

The government's new Help to Grow: Management programme can help business owners learn new skills, reach more customers and boost their profits.

The programme costs £750 and is 90% subsidised by the government as part of their Plan for Jobs.

It is a practical management training programme with one-to-one mentorship, aimed at senior leaders of small and medium businesses and delivered across the UK by leading business schools accredited by the Small Business Charter.

Designed to be manageable alongside full-time work, the 12-week programme offers a wide range of modules, including financial management, strategies for growth and innovation, leading high-performance teams, and approaches to digital adoption.

Business owners can learn more by visiting <https://helptogrow.campaign.gov.uk/>.

In association with:



+ Peter's Church

Rudd BEST!

Celebrating all that's great about Ruddington...

2nd October 2021

- **GAMES ON THE GREEN**
 - **BEST SCARECROW COMPETITION**
 - **COMEDY SKETCHES**
 - **COMMUNITY CHOIR**
 - **WANDERING MUSICIANS**
 - **LITTLE P'S GOES WILD**
 - **TRADITIONAL TEA DANCES**
 - **COMMUNITY SUPPER**
 - **COMMISSIONING OF HOPE GARDEN**
 - **STORYTELLING**
 - **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**
 - **FUN DOG SHOW**
 - **'BRING AND SHARE' WHAT YOU'VE GROWN (SWAP SHOP)**
 - **PAUSE TO PONDER- REFLECTION STATIONS**
 - **JAZZ SUPPER IN THE CHAPEL**
(LIVE JAZZ/FUNK TRIO WITH LITE BITES)
- FOOD FROM 5:00PM/JAZZ FROM 6:00PM**

Skate Park reopens

Beginners, women and girls joined together at Rushcliffe Country Park's new skate park to have a go at the sport as part of the official opening celebrations on Saturday 14th August.

The sessions were provided by Skate Nottingham and included women, girls (including non-binary or LGBTQ+), with instructors on hand for guidance and then all BMX and wheeled sports joined the jam from 11.30am.



Prizes were awarded for various achievements, from beginner level through to advanced.

The £210,000 skate park opened in June, perfectly timed to capture the legacy of great achievements by Britain's skateboarding and BMX athletes at Tokyo's 2020 Olympics. The park was funded by Rushcliffe Borough Council and supported by Skate Nottingham, Canvas Spaces, and VIA East Midlands.

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