

# THE RUDD

## Ruddington joins in with Fiver Fest

Ruddington's independent shops and restaurants are joining in with the Totally Local National Fiver Fest – an innovative celebration of our independent high streets. Fiver Fest will take place from Saturday 9th to Saturday 23rd October.

During this time, thousands of independent businesses will come together to highlight their contribution to the great British high street.



To show the importance of supporting our high streets, Ruddington is joining with other independent high streets across the UK to put on very special £5 offers across the two weeks.



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Mark Pinks from the Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP) said “The village took part in Fiver Fest last October and it’s now a big part of our promotions for Ruddington. The independent shops and businesses are what makes Ruddington special and unique. The community support for local businesses has been amazing during lockdown, so these offers are to say ‘thank you’ to customers, and to highlight the great value and economic impact of shopping locally.”

Fiver Fest is a free-to-join campaign, devised and run by Totally Locally, a grass roots high street organisation that’s been helping businesses and high streets help themselves since 2010, with incredible results.

For Fiver Fest, Totally Locally is partnering with Visa and together, they’re calling on shoppers to divert £5 of their weekly spend to support the small businesses in their communities.

Fiver Fest is based around the now-famous Totally Locally £5 message:

“If every adult in Ruddington spent just £5 per week in their local independent shops and businesses, it would mean £1.4 million a year going directly into our local economy.

“Which can lead to more jobs, a better high street, a stronger economy & a nicer place to live. Makes you think, doesn’t it?!”



Fiver Fest has been running successfully in individual towns in the UK and abroad over the past seven years. In June, over 100 towns joined together to make one huge Fiver Fest across the UK, from the north of Scotland to the very south of England.

Last year’s Fiver Fest offers in Ruddington were imaginative and varied from £5 meal deals and £5 coffee and cake, to £5 pizzas, £5 cocktails and £5 flower bouquets. And where the community really got behind the campaign, many businesses found it to be their busiest time outside Christmas.

“We know Fiver Fest isn’t going to change the world,” said Chris Sands of Totally Locally. “But small changes in spending habits can really make a difference to our high streets. Just by diverting £5 of our weekly spend to local independents, we can give them a fighting chance to thrive. The pandemic has shown just what an amazing contribution they make to our local communities – it’s a conversation worth having!”

“It’s for this reason that the sixth

National Fiver Fest is taking place. This time it's even more important than ever, after how our world has changed during 2021. YouGov research has shown that 59% of shoppers have used more local shops to support them during lockdown, and they want to keep on supporting them. Fiver Fest makes that even easier."



For any independent business wishing to participate in the Fiver Fest in Ruddington, please email [admin@rvcp.org.uk](mailto:admin@rvcp.org.uk). For more information, please visit [@totallylocalrudd](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

Mark Pinks, RVCP

### Covid-19 vaccinations for under 16s

The Government has announced that all children aged 12 to 15 will be offered a single dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine.

Whilst vaccinating children won't stop Covid-19 spreading in schools, it's hoped that it will reduce the number of cases and, in turn, reduce absence rates and associated disruption.

Evidence suggests that a single dose of the vaccine can reduce the risk of catching the Delta variant of Covid-19 by 55% and also make it less likely that you'll get seriously ill or pass the virus onto others.

Healthy children will be offered a second dose of the vaccine in due course, but not before the spring term.

However, children with certain health conditions, or who live with people who are immuno-suppressed, will be eligible for a double dose.

Most vaccines will be administered by schools, and parents can expect to receive a letter telling them when the jab will be available.

It's important to note that vaccination isn't compulsory.

Parental consent will be sought, but children can choose to disagree with their parents and accept or refuse the vaccine if they can prove they understand the benefits and risks of being vaccinated.

The Government has also announced that booster jabs will soon be available to adults who are most at risk and have already received two doses. Eligible people will receive a letter from the NHS in due course.

For the latest information on Covid-19 and the vaccination programme, please visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

## Volunteers needed

As the Framework Knitters Museum moves towards re-opening in October, we're looking for new volunteers.

Ruddington residents will probably have noticed that the museum has been undergoing extensive building work over the last few months, thanks to a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

This money has allowed us to create a new entrance, reception, shop and cafe in the adjoining Gunn Cottage (pictured on page 5 with the museum's new logo), which means we have more opportunities than ever to get involved in the museum's visitor experience.

Our volunteers come with a range of interests including history and craft, but all share the common goal of helping our visitors have a fantastic time and gain a greater understanding of this unique site and its importance to Ruddington.

Gill has volunteered at the museum for a number of years and this is what she says about her experience:

"When I made the decision to retire from full-time teaching, one of the first things I did was to enquire about becoming a volunteer at the museum. I was accepted and now nearly seven years on I can't imagine NOT being a volunteer!

"I enjoy being in the shop welcoming

visitors and telling them about the history of the museum and framework knitting in general.



"The visitors vary from those who know nothing about framework knitting to those who are researching their family history and framework knitting ancestors. Then there are the visitors who live locally to those, like the couple from New Zealand, who specially included the museum in their travel itinerary!

"I discovered that my great-great grandfather, Isaac Orme, was a framework knitter in Basford. So it feels only natural that I should be a volunteer and help to spread the word about this important part of our local history."

Hannah is a recent graduate who has started volunteering over the summer. She says: "Volunteering at the Framework Knitters' Museum began, for me, as a form of work experience but has quickly become much more.

“The lovely staff and wonderful history of the site have charmed me to my core!

“History isn’t just important dates, names, and watershed moments like the invention of the framework knitting machine. It’s all aspects of past life, down to the most mundane morsel, such as what the Parkers had for breakfast, how the children didn’t put their toys away, or how Mr Parker greeted his family on returning from work.

“The Framework Knitters Museum is a uniquely beautiful site in that it tells these stories, including the tiny morsels, in the context of those watershed moments.



“I volunteer here for many reasons, but one of the most important is that I know I’ll take so much from working in such an incredibly loved and thoughtful museum that will leave its visitors with a very personal, enjoyable and unique

experience of history.”



Whether you have a day a week to spare or just a few hours – or perhaps you just want to help out at special events – we’d love to hear from you.

All new volunteers are supported with training and information and there’s always someone to ask if you get a tricky question from a visitor.

We’re a very friendly community and the role is very varied, from welcoming visitors and helping in our new cafe and shop to getting involved in school visits or craft workshops. There’s always something interesting happening.

So, if this sounds like your cup of tea, email us at [office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](mailto:office@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk) or call 0115 984 6914. There’s also lots of information at [www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk)

Come and join our team. We need you!

Jan Perrett, Museum Assistant

# Ruddington Diary

Below are the events we've been made aware of so far for October. If you'd like your event publishing in The Rudd and on the Parish Council website, please send us details by the 15th of the preceding month.

## Saturday 2nd October

### Ruddington Village Market

9am to 12 noon on The Green. Over 50 stall holders offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away.

### RUDBEST

A celebration of all things Ruddington! Takes place after the Village Market on The Green and at St Peter's Church. Games, competitions, comedy, storytelling, belly dancing, live music, dog show, community supper and more.

## Saturday 9th to Saturday 23rd October

### Fiver Fest

See pages 1 and 2 for details.

## Every Monday

### Nappuccinos

10am to 11:45am at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. A group for parents and carers with babies aged under 1. Coffee, cake and chat.

### Renew Green Spaces

12 noon to 2pm, Hareham Allotments. An opportunity to meet, grow plants and grow relationships. Contact Sam Hackett at [sam.hackett@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:sam.hackett@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk) to find out more.

## First & third Mondays of the month

### Ruddington Craft Group

10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Tuition, materials and refreshments included for a small fee. Contact Chris Gibson on 07967 245 308 for info.

## Every Wednesday

### Coffee Club

10am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Hot drinks, biscuits and chat for over 55s in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

### Renew Café

2:30pm to 4pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road. Arts, crafts and games.

## First Wednesday of the month

### Methodist Fellowship

2:30pm at the Methodist Church. Holy Communion, talks or activities.

## Every Saturday

### Methodist Coffee Morning

10am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church. All welcome.

## Parish Council Meeting

### Tuesday 12th October

Parish Council Meeting - at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public, you can share your views on any agenda item.

## Ruddington Parish Council

### Christmas Business Window Display Competition 2021

As I type this, the radio is announcing it's just 100 days until Christmas! With that in mind, here's a reminder about the annual Window Competition.

It's automatic entry for all Ruddington businesses with a storefront and there are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

We always try to tie the competition in with the Christmas Market which, this year, will be held on Saturday 4th December – so get your thinking caps on!

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to seeing the wonderful displays you all manage to put on. Good luck everyone.

Cllr. Marion Pell

### MP's village crime questionnaire

Crime in Ruddington is the focus of a short new survey which dropped through residents' letterboxes in September.

It's been produced on behalf of Rushcliffe MP, Ruth Edwards, following a spike of crime here over the summer months.

It was particularly the increase in house burglaries which prompted a number of her constituents to write, expressing their concerns.

Our MP says she wants to listen to our views about crime in the community in order to raise these concerns with our local police and Nottinghamshire's new Police and Crime Commissioner, Caroline Henry.



The resultant questionnaire is, in fact, just seven questions, including how "safe" villagers feel; the police presence in Ruddington; your biggest crime concerns; whether you've been a victim of crime and, if so, how satisfied you were with the police response.

Ms Edwards told RUDDINGTON.info: "I think it's really important that MPs listen to the concerns that communities have around issues like crime. I would encourage everyone to take a couple of minutes to fill in this survey so that I can get a good picture of your concerns and make sure that I'm raising them with the local police and in Parliament."

You can also complete Ruth's short questionnaire online by visiting [www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/ruddington-crime-survey](http://www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/ruddington-crime-survey).

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

u3a is back



We're delighted to announce that, after an 18 month absence, the Ruddington & District u3a are fully operating again. During the pandemic, various talks and some interest groups have been held via Zoom or in outdoor spaces or venues when permitted.

The re-launch was started with a stall at the September Village Market and then another one at the Village Horticultural Show. This was a successful opportunity to share information about our re-launch to existing and potential new members.

It was a delight to see so many existing and new members at our first face-to-face general meeting held on Monday 20th September at the Methodist Church.

Attendees heard an interesting and informative talk by award-winning speaker John Smith, on the subject of "Reading Body Language – A Guide to People Watching".

Following our pre-pandemic format, after the talk attendees had the opportunity to check the interest groups available. They also had time to socialise over a cuppa and a biscuit, which are provided free at each

general meeting.

In our commitment to make everyone feel confident and safe when attending our meetings, we adopted appropriate safety measures including hand gel, chair spacing and supporting those attendees who elected to wear masks.

The high number of existing and new members attending was very encouraging, perhaps showing the appetite of people to return to "normal" activities and being able to socialise.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 2pm at the Methodist Church, so our next meeting will be on 18th October. The speaker will be Commander Neil Jarvis, on the subject "Submarine on Patrol."

More new members would be very welcome. If you're retired, semi-retired or not in full time employment and want to meet others interested in the same things as yourself, develop new interests, make new friends or just socialise, then enjoy yourself by joining Ruddington & District u3a.

You're welcome to attend our next meeting to see what we offer. Or, you can contact us by email at [rudd\\_u3a@yahoo.com](mailto:rudd_u3a@yahoo.com) or on Facebook by searching for "U3A Ruddington and District".

We look forward to seeing you.

Ruddington & District u3a Committee

## Hareham Allotments winner

Allotment-holder Susie Moore has received the trophy for “Best Allotment” from Robin Crinage, Chair of Hareham Gardens Allotments in Ruddington.



Susie has brought a previously neglected plot up to a high standard in just one year. Her hard work has been rewarded not only with the trophy but also with fruit, vegetables and flowers on her plot, which she has named “The Pink Shed”.

Susie says: “I’ve never understood why vegetables in supermarkets come wrapped in plastic, so I’ve always wanted to grow my own. However, living in a first floor flat in the centre of the village with no outdoor space prevented this.

“I put my name down on the list and soon got my allotment plot. It was in a pretty unloved state, but I, my sister and our dog, Ollie, took it on with great pride. The pandemic actually helped us as it gave us the time to really get into it. The need to be outside was strong in those times and our mental and

physical health benefitted greatly.

“What makes it so special is that we’ve reused and recycled most things on the plot and so Little Pink Shed was born. Why buy new when you can paint an unloved shed pink, install lighting, a kettle and a gin shelf and you’re off to a great start!

“It’s safe to say that what we don’t know about gardening or allotments, we’ve made up for in enthusiasm. A bit of Gardener’s World also helps. Feel free to follow our allotment story on Instagram @little\_pink\_shed.”

If you’re a Ruddington resident and would like to join the waiting list for a plot at Hareham Gardens, please email Sarah at [harehamgardensallotments@gmail.com](mailto:harehamgardensallotments@gmail.com).

## Events at the Methodist Church

The Methodist Church is holding a Book Sale on Saturday 2nd October from 10am to 12 noon. Coffee and tea will be available.

The Methodist Church also invites everyone to join them at their Harvest Festival service on Sunday 10th October at 10.30am.

All gifts of food will be gratefully received and given to the Friary Drop-in charity to help homeless and vulnerable people in our area.

Please bring fresh food, packets and tins – but no pasta this time! Thank you.

## Wednesday Coffee Club returns



For many years, the older residents of Ruddington and the surrounding area were lucky enough to have a weekly Coffee Club where they could enjoy a warm drink, a biscuit and a chat with others in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 came along and put a stop to this friendly group being able to meet.

As things return to normal, the lovely Lorna, who founded this Coffee Club, and her counterpart Pat feel that, sadly, they're unable to restart the Club. However, two village residents, Gwen Eyre and Carol Jagers, have stepped up and are more than happy – and really excited! – to continue running this lively group.

If you're over 55 and would like a warm drink and a biscuit, and to meet with others for a chat in a safe, warm and friendly environment, come along to St Peter's Rooms on Church Street on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

Gwen and Carol will have the kettle on and look forward to welcoming everyone.

## New team at the tearoom

One of Ruddington's much-loved hospitality venues has reopened under new management – and also with a more contemporary, new look.

The Old Bakehouse Tearoom on Church Street had been closed since the start of July to allow for repairs and alterations to the interior by its new owner, Eve Kirk. She took over the reins from Lesley Wells during this summer due to Lesley's retirement. Eve is pictured below (centre) with new staff members Jess (left) and Serena (right), who both live in Ruddington.



Eve explains: "I worked in a cafe for seven years until I was made redundant due to Covid-19 last year. It was a blessing in disguise as it gave me the opportunity to open my own place. I had been looking for about 10 months at other cafes and tearooms.

"When I viewed The Old Bakehouse, it was my favourite by far. It had plenty of potential – and the chance to have somewhere in Ruddington was too good an opportunity to miss out on."

She still wanted it to be a tearoom but with more a modern twist, so she set to work on an internal refurbishment. In the end this took just a little bit longer than anticipated!



“We’ve had a new toilet fitted as well as all new taps including in the kitchen. There’s a new ceiling and we had one of the walls boarded and plastered. We’ve done quite a lot to the electrics – having many new plug sockets fitted – new lights and lots of unused electrical boxes removed.

“There’s a new worktop on the counter as well as everywhere being repainted. We’ve also got new tables, chairs, plates, etc” says Eve.

The first customers arrived bright and early on reopening day, Thursday 9th September, to take a look at what’s been done with the premises and to sample the new cuisine.

Eve adds: “On the menu are traditional afternoon teas, breakfasts, paninis, pasta, etc. Of course, there are many homemade cakes, too! I’m offering everything on the menu as takeaway, all in eco-friendly packaging. We’re really looking forward to welcoming our customers, old and new!”

Former owner, Lesley Wells, says: “I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in my nine years of running the tearoom for all the support, laughter and fun we have all had.

“You welcomed me into your village and shared my dream. I hope you’ve enjoyed the tearoom.

“I miss all the people I’ve met already, but it’s my time for retirement and a new chapter in my life begins. I’m hoping this is only the start for the tearoom and it goes on serving the community of Ruddington.”

Lesley continues: “A big thank you to all the staff over the years: Leiske, Karen, Johnny, Leah, Debbie, Amber, Charlotte, Anna, Liam S, Ewen, Christine, Liam B and, of course, my fabulous husband John who’s worked hard and supported me behind the scenes. Love always!”



The Old Bakehouse Tearoom is now open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 4pm, at 58 Church Street.

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

# Financial Awards from the James Peacock Educational Foundation

Are you under 25 and live in Ruddington, or do you live in Ruddington but your children are away at university? If so, you or they could be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the James Peacock Educational Foundation.

James Peacock left money in his will to be used for the education of Ruddington's children. Today, the Trustees of the Foundation (a registered charity) have the responsibility of managing that money.



The Foundation accepts applications for financial assistance from anyone under 25 who lives in Ruddington (or if they're away at university or other further education and their parents still live in Ruddington) and are in need of financial assistance for an educational reason. Previously, the Foundation has contributed towards the cost of books, equipment, computers, placements abroad etc. However, the Trustees can't assist with living expenses or tuition fees.

If you'd like more information or an application form to be considered for an award, please email us at [jpffoundationrudd@gmail.com](mailto:jpffoundationrudd@gmail.com). Please note that, quite often, where large amounts are needed, the Foundation will give a contribution and, for accounting purposes, receipts will be needed.

The Trustees generally meet in February, June and October. We look forward to hearing from you!

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