

# THE RUDD

## Remembrance Services 2021

On Sunday 14th November, the Royal British Legion will hold a parade and Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Church Street. Weather permitting, the parade of local organisations will march to the War Memorial before the service.



The service starts at 10:45am and will include prayers, hymns and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. The Last Post will be played at 11am, followed by a two minute silence. Afterwards, a Remembrance Service will take place inside St Peter's Church.



## **RUDBEST – what a day!**



Saturday 2nd October saw the very first RUDBEST celebration: the pilot of an event that's planned to run annually in the village.

The idea was conceived during lockdown when life was incredibly tough; we missed our loved ones, and community and fun seemed to be a thing of the past. Born out of a collaboration between Ruddington Parish Council (RPC) and St Peter's church, RUDBEST was a fun-filled event planned by the village, in the village, for the village.

Despite the worst weather all year with torrential rain all day long, attendance was gratifyingly high. Most events were packed, with only a couple being abandoned due to the weather. (Games on the green such as the Tug of War, Egg and Spoon Race and Sack Race would have ended up like water sports so reluctantly had to be cancelled!)

All other events went ahead. These included the Belly Dancers (complete with 10-foot golden wings!), an old-fashioned Tea Dance, Little 'P's, Teddy

Bears' Picnic, Puppet Show, Storytelling, Fun Dog Show, Jazz in the Chapel with a community supper, and the Scarecrow Competition. A really great day was had by all!

A truly moving part of the day was the commissioning of the new Hope Garden. This is sited in the Memorial Garden with the kind permission of RPC and comprises a monument which will be graced by multi-coloured roses. These are set within a planter adorned with plantings in the shape of a heart.

A seat has been provided so people can come and reflect on life, love, and all that's so special about Ruddington.

The commissioning of the Hope Garden involved the recital of a short poem and words of dedication to remember all that was lost in the Pandemic.

Jane Gray

### **RUDBEST Fun Dog Show**

Congratulations to all our winning dogs and big thanks to all their owners for bringing them along to the Fun Dog Show which was held as part of RUDBEST.

The winners of Cutest Dog were Ivor in 1st place, then Sammy and Fin in 2nd and 3rd places. The 1st prize for Waggiest Tail went to Poppy, followed by Willow and Belle in 2nd and 3rd places. The winner of Best Trick was also Bella (the only contestant in this category).

The Fun Dog Show was pitched on the Village Green on Saturday 2nd October, after the Village Market. The afternoon began with rain and then more steady rain! But this didn't deter our determined owners from coming to the show with their dogs.



A big thanks goes to Max and the team at The Pet Pantry for donating all the quality prizes. Thanks also to our spectators for coming to watch in rain gear and with umbrellas; an encouragement to all of us.

And of course, thanks to all our volunteers who supported us, come rain or shine. Special thanks go to our judge, the Revd. Andrew Buchanan, and to our compère, Liz Mack, for keeping us entertained with bright conversation.

Why did we do the RUDDBEST Fun Dog Show? Well, we wanted to bring our Ruddington community together after the lonely days of lockdown, to be together and have fun!

If you missed the Fun Dog Show, another opportunity is coming.

Why not enter your dog or come along to watch on Saturday 2nd July 2022, when we plan to put on our next show? Please put the date in your diary!

Debra King

## Scarecrow Competition

The Parish Council Events Working Party held a Scarecrow Competition as part of the RUDDBEST event on Saturday 2nd October. There were 3 age categories: Nursery, Infant and Junior.

We had a voting box where members of the public voted for their favourite scarecrow in each category. The winners were:

- Jenson Clark, Nursery (pictured left)
- Arlo Ingram, Infant (centre)
- Willow Slade, Junior (right)



The winner of each category received a certificate and £20. Everyone who entered also received a sweet cone (hand made by me and my son, Oscar) and a punch balloon.

A big thank you to everyone who entered and voted for their favourite scarecrows!

Holly Law

## Save the Children Teddy Bear Parachute Jump



The Teddy Bear Parachute Jump, held in aid of Save the Children at St Peter's Church on Saturday 25th September, was a great success. Even the weather cooperated, giving us a warm, dry and mainly sunny afternoon.

Almost 100 children (and one grandma!) brought their teddies or other soft toys along with their homemade parachutes and registered to take part. There was an amazing array of parachutes made from everything you can think of, including paper, polythene sheets, fabric, carrier bags, bubble wrap, balloons and even an umbrella!

The church staff were fantastic in helping us launch the parachutes from the parapet. All toys made it down safely and luckily none got stuck in the trees! The event raised an amazing £673 for Save the Children; this came from the registration fees for the

parachuting bears and also from the sales of cakes, soft toys and Christmas cards.

It was wonderful to be able to organise a "live" event after such a long time and to see the smiling faces of the families who came along to take part or to watch. The atmosphere was lovely – maybe we should do it again sometime...

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the event such a success!

Jane Piggott

## Ruddington Village Show

With less than four weeks' notice, Ruddington Gardeners' Association hosted a very successful village show on Saturday 18th September.



A terrific response from RGA members and the public resulted in St Peter's Rooms being filled with a colourful display of vegetables and flowers, not forgetting the children's wonderful paintings and vegetable animals. In total, 47 exhibitors staged 156 entries. Malcolm Fisher, the judge, commented

on the excellent quality of the exhibits.

The show was supported by stands from Nottingham Country Markets, Nottinghamshire Bee Keepers, Ruddington Art and Craft Society and local wildlife photographers Martin and Jill Basson.

The show also enabled Ruddington and District U3A to advertise their extensive activities, with “hands-on” demonstrations by artist Peter Johnson-Marshall and his colleagues.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the village show this year.

Planning has already begun for the next Ruddington Village Show, so please keep Saturday 17th September 2022 free in your diaries.

Other important dates are Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd July 2022 for Ruddington Open Gardens. More details later!

Mike Davey & the RGA Committee

## **Hearing aid clinics**

The monthly hearing aid clinics at St Peter’s Rooms are starting again this month. Anyone with an NHS hearing aid can attend for free help and advice.

The clinics will take place from 11.30am to 12.30pm on the first Thursday of each month and will be led by Laura Ainsworth.

For more information, please visit [www.hearttogether.org.uk](http://www.hearttogether.org.uk).

## **Keep testing & jabbing!**

We're continuing to remind everyone to take a regular COVID-19 lateral flow test at home, or at one of our local [Community Testing sites](#) until further notice.

Remember: if you have symptoms, you should book a PCR test at the Government website: [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

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

You can also walk in for a booster vaccine at selected sites if you’re eligible and have received notification from the NHS to do so.

You can find your nearest vaccination site and book an appointment on the NHS website, [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus), or by calling 119.

The public are also being reminded to come forward for a flu jab to maximise their protection ahead of winter.

You can find out more about who is eligible and where to get a flu vaccine at [www.nhs.uk/flu](http://www.nhs.uk/flu).

For all enquiries on vaccination appointments, please visit Nottingham and Nottinghamshire’s CCG website, [www.nottsccg.nhs.uk](http://www.nottsccg.nhs.uk).

# Ruddington Diary

## Thursday 4th November

**South Notts Local Group (Notts Wildlife Trust)** - Winter Wildlife Talks. Gardening for Butterflies with Max & Christine Maughan. Talk is online via ZOOM, costs £3.00 per device (incl booking fee). Full details, including technical requirements and how to book, are available on the website: [http://www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/content/?page\\_id=234](http://www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/content/?page_id=234).

## Saturday 6th November

**Firework Spectacular 2021** - Nottingham Heritage Transport Centre. See page 11.

## Wednesday 10th November

**Ruddington Women's Institute** - Commencing at 7.15pm. 'Loughborough Carillon' by Mel Gould.

## Sunday 14th November

**Remembrance parade & service** - see front page

## 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.

## First Thursday of the month

**Hearing Aid Clinic** – 11:30am to 12:30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Contact Laura Ainsworth via [www.heartogether.org.uk](http://www.heartogether.org.uk) to find out more.

## Third Thursday of the month

**Ruddington Rhythm** – All styles of live music and song (open mic.) 8 – 11pm at the Cottage Hotel. Free entry.

## Every Saturday

### Methodist Coffee Morning

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

## First Saturday of the month

### Ruddington Village Market

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

## Parish Council Meeting

### Tuesday 9th November

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

## New footbridge at Hareham Gardens

Hareham Gardens Allotments have a lovely new footbridge. It replaces an old one which had begun to rot and would have become unsafe if left.

The bridge spans a stream and gives safe access between the two halves of the allotment site. It's also suitable for wheelchair users. The adults with learning difficulties who are supported by the THERA Trust to grow crops on one of the plots will benefit from the bridge's increased safety to get between the car park and their plot.



Construction has only been possible with financial help from The National Lottery Community Fund, The Jones 1986 Trust, The Sir John Eastwood Foundation and local Rushcliffe Borough Councillors Jen Walker, Mike Gaunt and Gary Dickman.

Gary has also provided free management to the project on site.

Several allotment holders have helped firstly with fundraising and then with construction.

In particular, thanks must go to Geoff East and John Robertson who organised the fundraising; Peter Johnson-Marshall who did the design work; and Darren Oates who built the handrails.



When Gary took the old bridge down, the extent of rot was quite surprising and this confirmed our decision to go for a long-life concrete deck this time.

Gary also used his knowledge to organise a small crane to lift in precast concrete beams followed by ready-mix concrete for the deck.

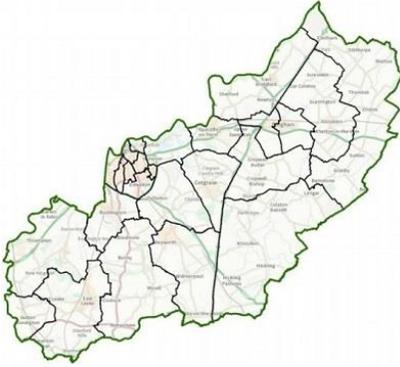
It now feels really solid underfoot as it is strong enough to carry a football team let alone the expected wheelchairs and wheelbarrows!

As well as the bridge itself, the THERA group now have new fencing connecting to the bridge to keep their people safe.

Peter Johnson-Marshall

*Above Image courtesy of Graham Wright via [RUDDINGTON.info](http://RUDDINGTON.info)*

## Boundary changes consultation – next stage



The next stage of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review of Rushcliffe has launched and is seeking your views on the proposed changes to Rushcliffe Borough Council wards in the Borough.

You can [click here](#) to view their report following the first stage of consultation which ran earlier this year.

In short it proposes:

- Council to stay at 44 councillors
- 21 new wards – four fewer than there are now
- More multi-member wards than currently
- Boundaries of most wards changing (three stay the same)
- Names of some wards changing
- Two town / parish councils affected (Bingham and Radcliffe)

To view an interactive map of the draft recommendations, visit the consultation area here: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>. You can view both the existing and proposed boundaries, search by area or postcode, and have your say. A non-interactive image of the proposed ward boundaries is also available.

The second stage of consultation asks for feedback on the proposals before the deadline of Monday 13th December 2021. Final arrangements will be published on 1st March 2022.

Feedback on the proposals should be made directly to the LGBCE, but if you have any questions about the process, you can email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk).

## Friends of James Peacock School – new defibrillator

We're delighted to let you know that, with thanks to some additional Lottery funding, we've been able to purchase a defibrillator to go outside the front of the school.

This defibrillator will be accessible 24 hours a day to the whole community. This is an amazing addition to have, not only to the school but also the wider community, and great to have on this side of the village.

Ruddington is a busy place, so having more 24 hour defibrillators spread around the village is really important.



## **Afghanistan Resettlement Programme**

Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) is working collaboratively with the Government and other key partners to assist newly-arriving Afghanistan citizens who qualify for assistance under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy.

Nottinghamshire has been one of the first areas to create a countywide offer. In the first instance, RBC's commitment is to assist the programme with two property pledges for approximately eight people, which has been matched by similar offers from the other Nottinghamshire districts.

RBC is working closely with key partners including Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing and using existing networks via Nottingham City Council and Notts Refuge Forum to provide information and support, to help new arrivals integrate into the community.

For those wishing to offer accommodation, please follow the information on the Government's dedicated web pages (search for "Afghanistan Housing Portal").

Locally, residents can make donations such as clothing and toys via Care4Calais, The Refuge Council and the British Red Cross, who are appealing for donations and supporting many newly-arrived families.

More locally, Host Nottingham are accepting donations for asylum seekers and refugees, which may include assistance for Afghanistan citizens.

The list of donated items being sought is:

### **Women's clothing (sizes 6 to 18 only please)**

- Warm tops & hoodies
- Leggings
- Sportswear

### **Men's clothing (medium and large sizes)**

- T shirts & jackets
- Jeans & joggers
- Trainers (sizes 8, 9, 10 and half sizes) & sportswear

### **Underwear and socks for men and women (brand new in packets)**

- Men's pants in medium and large
- Women's pants in sizes 10 to 16

### **Toiletries for men and women (unopened)**

- Shower gels, deodorants, body sprays

### **Extra items**

- Phones (unlocked, wiped & working)
- Rucksacks and wheeled suitcases.

For more information and to arrange delivery, please email [hostaccomp\\_anyaing@gmail.com](mailto:hostaccomp_anyaing@gmail.com), or call 07735 551 362 or 07986 012 013.



# NOTTINGHAM TRANSPORT HERITAGE CENTRE



## Firework Spectacular 2021

Firework Display Starts at 7:30pm

Also Featuring:

Hot Food

Funfair

Miniature Railway

Licensed Bar

Live Band

Saturday  
November 6th

Gates Open:  
5:30pm

Mere Way  
Ruddington  
NG11 6JS

ADULT: £5.00 on the gate (£4.00 Advance)

CHILD: £3.00 on the gate (£2.50 Advance)

FAMILY: £12.50 (Advance Purchase Only)

Advance tickets on sale from 2nd October 2021 at 'The Heritage Cafe' and  
'Bric-a-Brac' at our Ruddington Site

## Low noise fireworks



Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) has welcomed the decision of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Cabinet to discontinue the use of loud fireworks at their events.

It was decided all future Council-run events will look to replace celebrations with quieter alternatives, to protect pets and residents with disabilities from potential noise pollution.

Those affected by loud fireworks can include people with sensory processing disorders, hearing conditions, post-traumatic stress disorder, and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma. In addition, loud fireworks can affect pets, farm animals and wildlife.

Quieter fireworks are available from reputable sellers that focus more on colour and visual effects than sound, meaning they're less likely to trigger shock and anxiety.

Please remember that you mustn't set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for on Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight, and New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.

To find out more about Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, you can email [enquiries@rcan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rcan.org.uk) or visit [www.rcan.org.uk](http://www.rcan.org.uk).

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