

# THE RUDD

## Christmas Market returns

Ruddington Village Christmas Market is making a welcome multi-venue return on **Saturday 4th December** after last year's event was scaled down due to the pandemic. The 2021 event is being supported by Welcome Back funding from the England European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).



The event's organisers, Ruddington Village Centre Partnership (RVCP), have announced that this year's Market will have a later start and extended hours from 12 noon to 7pm. This will involve the temporary closure of the High Street

from around 6am to 10pm, where the Main Stage of "live festive music" will be located. A second music stage on The Green is being sponsored by Ruddington's Thomas James Estate Agents. There'll be a pop-up Christmas bar for the event, too, and festive activities taking place around the village.



There'll be stalls inside St Peter's Church, from midday until 3.30pm this year and the Methodist Church is also participating (see separate article).

Many village centre traders are expected to stay open into the evening to offer late night Christmas shopping, whilst the Framework Knitters Museum is hosting a "Light Knit" event from 3pm to 7pm.

For the latest information and updates, please search for "Ruddington Village Market" on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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

## **Christmas at the Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre**

Enjoy a magical Christmas day out with all the family at Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre (formerly GCRN) at Mere Way in Ruddington.



Walk through the Winter Wonderland, featuring a Candy Cane Forest, and search out the magical creatures that live there. As you pass through the mist and darkness, look out for Santa Claus who'll be waiting to greet you with a

gift!

The event is open on Saturdays 11th and 18th and Sundays 12th and 19th December, with time slots in operation to avoid queues. Tickets cost £5 each and include refreshments for adults and a Christmas gift from Santa for the kids.

Tickets are available in advance from the Heritage Café and Bric A Brac at the Heritage Centre site, open Wednesdays and weekends from 10am to 4pm. When booking, please select a time slot and advise your child's age and gender. Adult refreshments will consist of a mince pie or cake, and a small bottle of wine or soft hot or cold drink.

## **Rotary Santa and sleigh visits to Ruddington in 2021**

With the continuing uncertainty over the spread of Coronavirus and resulting changes to regulations and guidelines, Rushcliffe Rotary Club has again decided to limit visits and charity collections in Ruddington and other local villages this Christmas.

The first responsibility of the Club is to the safety of our members, volunteers and the public, so no door-to-door collections will be made.

However, our sleigh will be located near the Ruddington Co-op Supermarket on Church Street on Friday 10th December for a static collection from 11am until 5pm if you wish to come along and see us.

We'll also continue the tradition of the sleigh parading around our streets, with two tours of the village on Friday 10th and Tuesday 21st December, when darkness falls.



The Friday 10th tour will start outside the Co-op and is planned to include Distillery Street, Musters Road, Barleylands, Leys Road, Moor Lane, Elms Park and Elms Close.

The Tuesday 21st tour is planned to include the Churchill Drive Estate, Camelot Street, Brookside, Clifton Road, Packman Drive and Rufford Road.

You can watch the sleigh's progress on the SleighTracker app available from the Google or Apple app stores.

Although we won't be knocking door-to-door, we will have collectors with buckets following the sleigh. If you'd like to make a donation, please call or signal to the collectors as they pass. This year, we'll have a card machine available as well as the cash buckets.

We're also holding static collections in December at other venues in Rushcliffe, including Morrisons in Gamston and NotCutts at Edwalton.

We're very grateful to the people of Ruddington who support the Rotary Club so generously each festive season. Every donation made goes into the Benevolent Fund and is used to support good causes in our local community and beyond.

Please check for updates on our Facebook page and on our website: [www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1333](http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1333).

Enjoy the festive season.

Rushcliffe Rotary Club

### **Christmas with the Methodists**

Ruddington Methodist Church is joining in with the Ruddington Village Christmas Market on Saturday 4th December.

Stalls in the church will include Christmas gifts and decorations, a children's Lucky Dip and, of course, refreshments. There will be cake!



Our Carol Service, led by our minister Revd. Nichola Jones, will be held on Sunday 12th December at 4.30pm, followed by coffee and mince pies. Everyone is welcome.

Kathy Powis

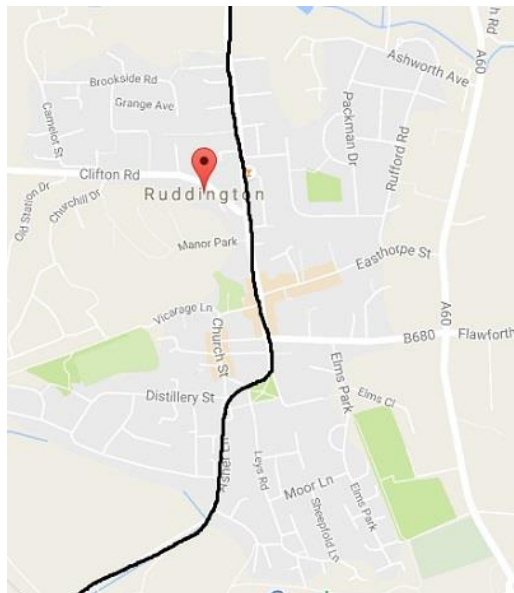
## Christmas tree shredding

### Would you like your Christmas tree shredded?

If so, just let the Parish Council office know by Friday 17th December 2021 – preferably by e-mail or phone – and make sure you leave your address and contact details.

As the number of trees to be shredded keeps on growing, we're once again spreading the collection over two days.

On Wednesday 12th January, we'll collect trees from houses on the Clifton Road side of Wilford Road, High Street, The Green and Asher Lane (i.e. to the left of the black line shown on the map). On Thursday 13th, we'll collect from houses on the Loughborough Road side of these streets (to the right of the black line).



Please leave your tree out before 8am on the right day and our Groundstaff Team will collect and shred it.

### Glaring omission!

In the report on Ruddington Village Show published last month, I forgot to thank members of Ruddington WI for their valuable contribution in organising refreshments throughout the day of the show.

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The support, both financially and otherwise, that the WI provides for the activities of Ruddington Gardeners' Association is always very much appreciated.

Mike Davey, RGA

### Crime figures for Ruddington

For October 2021, these were as follows:

- 1 x lewd conduct in a public place
- 1 x attempted fraud, plus criminal damage
- 1 x number plate theft
- Multiple break-ins at Buttercup Allotments

## Thanks from the Royal British Legion

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, I would like to convey our sincere thanks for the generous donations posted anonymously through my letterbox, and to all who helped distribute and collect the poppy boxes in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday.

Thanks too to whoever took the time to crochet the Tommy on the top of the post box on Church Street.

I will announce the final amount raised when all the proceeds have been counted.

Ken Hicks, Chairman, Ruddington and District RBL

## Free timers available so you can leave a light on

Free timers that enable residents to leave a light on in their properties and help deter criminal activity in their neighbourhoods are now available from Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) Customer Service Centre and contact points.

Alongside partners Nottinghamshire Police, RBC is encouraging residents to use the 24-hour timers to switch lights on at specific times and reduce the number of hours their home is left in darkness.

If a house does not have any lights on, it is more likely to be targeted by

burglars who could assume it is unoccupied.

Residents can now claim a limited supply timer by completing a Neighbourhood Alert Registration Form and collecting the timer from Rushcliffe Customer Service Centre, Fountain Court, Gordon Road, West Bridgford, on Mondays and Thursdays, 8.30am-5pm and Fridays, 8.30am-4.30pm.

Registration forms and timers are also available from Cotgrave Hub (Mondays, 8:30am-5pm), East Leake Library (Wednesdays, 8:30am-12:30pm) and Bingham Health Centre (Thursdays, 9:30am-5pm).

RBC's Director Neighbourhoods and Deputy Chief Executive Dave Banks said: "It's really important that your home doesn't look inviting for criminals and using one of these free timers can help to ensure this.

"By leaving a light on in your home, you can help to deter criminal activity in your community all year round."

Sarah Merrall, Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for Nottinghamshire Police said: "Using a timer for your lights means your house looks busy and occupied when you're away.

"Even as the nights get shorter, these timers can help to keep your home from remaining in darkness for long periods and therefore deter criminal activity in your neighbourhood."

# Ruddington Diary

## December events

### Thursday 2nd December

**Knit Your Own Christmas** – Framework Knitters Museum, 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Use our knitted yarn and circular knitting machines to make unique gifts for family and friends. £15 per person, including materials, tuition and refreshments. No experience necessary. Email [helen.brownnett@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](mailto:helen.brownnett@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk) for details and to book.

**South Notts Local Group (Notts Wildlife Trust)** – Winter Wildlife Talk, 6:45 to 8:45pm. “On Safari in South Africa” with Barbara Myer. Talk is online via Zoom and costs £3 per device (incl. booking fee). Full details, including technical requirements and how to book, are available at [www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/content/?page\\_id=234](http://www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/content/?page_id=234).

### Saturday 4th December

**Ruddington Village Christmas Market** –. See pages 1 and 2 for details.

### Sunday 5th December

**Puppet Show at St Peter’s Church** – 10:30am at the All Together Service. Our youth and teens are putting on a Special Puppet Show on this First Advent Sunday with singing, dancing and talking on the theme of a very special gift for Christmas. A Show for ALL the family to enjoy!

### Wednesday 8th December

**Ruddington Women’s Institute** – Commencing at 7.15pm at St Peter’s Rooms. “A Christmas Picnic & Homegrown Entertainment”.

### Friday 10 December

**Rotary Santa & Sleigh** – see article.

### Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th December

**Christmas Event at Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre (formerly GCRN)** - see article on page 2 for full details.

### Sunday 12th December

**Carol Service at the Methodist Church** - 4:30pm. Followed by coffee and mince pies.

## Parish Council Meeting

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

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.

### Saturday 18th December

**A Cosy Cottage Christmas at the Framework Knitters Museum** – 3pm to 7pm, pre-booked tickets only. [Contact the museum](#) on 0115 984 6914 to find out more and how to book..

### Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th December

**Christmas Event at Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre (formerly GCRN)** – see article on page 2 for full details.

### Thursday 21st December

**Rotary Santa & Sleigh** – see article.

## Regular events

### 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** - 10 am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Tuition, most materials and refreshments included for £3.50 fee. Bring your own essentials (scissors, glue etc). Newcomers welcome, experience or expertise not essential. **Dec 6th:** Knitting Tree & Book Folding **Dec 13th:** Christmas Crafts. (No meeting on Monday 3rd January 2022.)

### Third Monday of the month

**U3A General Meeting** - 2pm at the Methodist Church. Speaker, information about interest groups and a cuppa . Any potential new members not in full time employment or who are semi-retired / retired, are welcome to attend as a visitor to see what we do.

### Every Tuesday

**Swing into Shape** - 60+ class, 11am - 11.45am at the Village Hall, Wilford Road.

### Every Wednesday

**Coffee Club** - 10 am 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. 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, Easthorpe Street. Free entry.

### Every Saturday

**Methodist Coffee Morning** - 10:30am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church. All welcome.

### First Saturday of the month (Feb - Nov)

**Ruddington Village Market** - 9am to 12 noon on The Green. Over 50 stall holders offering quality crafts, produce and provisions to take away. See Ruddington Village Christmas Market article also.

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## Vaccination update for over 40s

You can now walk in for a COVID-19 booster vaccine at selected sites across the county if you've had a first or second dose over six months (182 days) ago and are aged 40 or over, a health and social care worker, unpaid carer, or are aged 16 or over with a health condition that puts you at greater risk of COVID-19.

You can find out more about who is eligible and where to get a COVID-19 or flu vaccine at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations).

Don't forget to keep taking a regular COVID-19 lateral flow test at home or visit one of our Community Testing sites.

Remember: if you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should book a PCR test straightaway.

For all enquiries on vaccination appointments and testing please visit the Nottinghamshire CCG website at [www.nottsgcg.nhs.uk](http://www.nottsgcg.nhs.uk).

## Last chance to vote for your favourite shop and pub!

Rushcliffe MP Ruth Edwards (pictured) will soon be announcing the results of “The Best Pub in Rushcliffe” and the “Best Local Shop Awards 2021” – and there’s still time to place your vote!



The results will be announced on Saturday 4th December as part of “Small Business Saturday”, an initiative that provides marketing and social media support to smaller enterprises across the UK.

Last year, the “Best Local Shop Awards” attracted over 400 nominations, with our very own The Bottle Top on High Street scooping one of two runners’ up prizes. Hopefully this year will see one or more of our village outlets repeating this success!

As well as the “Best Pub” award, Ruth is writing to publicans in Rushcliffe to gather their feedback on how they’ve been affected by the pandemic and their views on the support provided by

the Government.

The results of this survey will hopefully help to shape the Government’s approach on how to further support pubs as we continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and inform decisions in the future.

### How to vote

Follow the web links below to place your votes on or before Friday 3rd December:

- [www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/best-local-shop-award-2021](http://www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/best-local-shop-award-2021)
- [www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/best-pub-rushcliffe-2021](http://www.ruthedwards.org.uk/news/best-pub-rushcliffe-2021)

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

## Bottle tops now recyclable

Nottinghamshire residents are now able to recycle plastic bottle top lids (the bottles must be clean and squashed with the lids then put back on) in their kerbside recycling bins.

The service enhancement came in after approval from Nottinghamshire County Council’s Transport and Environment Committee. Previously, residents were asked to remove bottle tops and place them in their general waste bin.

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE, Chairman of Transport and Environment Committee said: “We’re committed to increasing the quantity and quality of



material collected in the kerbside recycling and the decision to make the necessary updates to the equipment at our sorting facility in Mansfield to accept bottle tops is welcomed and a step in the right direction.

“We know our residents are keen recyclers and we’re working hard with our waste contractors, Veolia, to increase recycling options on a local level. A key part of this is identifying improvements to the county’s Materials Recovery Facility to allow us to collect additional materials kerbside and enhance the recycling service for residents across the county.”

“The County Council will continue to work closely with Veolia to ensure opportunities from the Governments Resources and Waste Strategy for England 2018 and the Environment Act, which includes proposals of consistent collections of recyclable materials across England in a bid to improve recycling rates, are maximised and that legislative requirements are met to help make recycling easier for residents across Nottinghamshire.”

Residents are advised to wash, squash and place the tops back on to their plastic bottles before popping them in the kerbside recycling bin, to allow the capture of as many lids as possible.

The Council’s recycling communication materials will be updated in due course to reflect the change.

## Beware of COVID pass fraud

In recent months there’s been a significant increase in scams relating to the COVID Pass to steal money, financial details and personal information from individuals.

Scammers are sending imitation text messages and emails, as well as making fake phone calls posing as members of the NHS to offer fake vaccine certificates for sale online and through social media.

Remember that the NHS App is free. The NHS COVID Pass is free. The NHS will never ask for payment or any financial details. If you receive any suspicious phone calls, hang up immediately.

Suspicious emails can be forwarded to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and text messages to 7726 (all mobile operators).

If you think you’ve been the victim of a scam, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by emailing [actionfraud@police.uk](mailto:actionfraud@police.uk) or calling 0300 123 2040. If you have information about any fraudulent activity, you can report this anonymously through Crimestoppers at [www.covidfraudhotline.org](http://www.covidfraudhotline.org) or by calling 0800 587 5030.

If you’d like an NHS COVID pass in digital or paper format, you can order one for free using the NHS smartphone app, the NHS website ([www.nhs.uk/nhscovidpass](http://www.nhs.uk/nhscovidpass)) or by calling 119.

## Night at the Museum

Those attending the official re-opening of Ruddington's famous Framework Knitters' Museum got to see it in a different light.... the dark!

Staff and volunteers at Ruddington's now internationally acclaimed tourist attraction welcomed invited guests to see the newly expanded site at 4pm on Tuesday 23rd November – and it was soon apparent why this time was chosen.

As night fell, the workers' cottages – recently restored to how they would have looked in 1890 – and the museum's new Community Garden were lit by candles and other illumination appropriated to the era, whilst dancing images depicting framework knitting were projected onto the exterior wall of one frameshop.



The frameshop interiors were rather more brightly illuminated, to allow various mechanical knitting demonstrations to be given to the evening's special visitors, as was the site's piece-de-resistance; the brand new reception, gift shop and cafe area created from what used to be Gunn

Cottage and is now an integral part of the enlarged museum, along with its former garden.

As well as providing a striking new entrance for visitors, it also links together the original buildings and the old Knitters' Chapel to allow access to all areas from within one site – as well as doubling the size of the museum for its 50th year.



Like many other places, The Framework Knitters' Museum was forced to close during the Coronavirus pandemic. However, this downtime actually gave additional flexibility and opportunities for major expansion and remodelling to take place there, funded by The Heritage Lottery Heritage Fund, FCC Communities Foundation, various other trusts, and a number of private sponsors and donors.

The Museum is now open until 18th December between 11am and 4.30pm, Wednesdays to Saturdays. Entry to the Gift Shop, Tea Room and Chapel Art Gallery – all now known as “Parkers Yard” – is free. Find out more at [www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk)

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



## *RUDDINGTON FESTIVAL & OPEN GARDENS*

In the summer of 2016 & 2018, an Open Gardens event was organised in Ruddington, in aid of Save the Children and Action for Children.

For the Summer 2022, we are hoping the event will be even bigger and better as we are planning to team up with the Ruddington Arts & Crafts Society and with the organisers of 2021's RuddBEST; hence the new name Ruddington Festival & Open Gardens.

We are, as yet, only in the very early stages of planning, but would love to hear from anyone in the village who would like to open their garden on either one or both days, or who would like to be involved in any other way.

Gardens don't need to be big or spectacular – just pleasant spaces for visitors to enjoy. In fact some of the smallest gardens were the most popular in previous years. It will be a wonderful weekend of Events and Activities in various locations in the village including St Peter's Church, Methodist Church, the village Green, Framework Knitters Museum and many more. If you would like to find out more, or would like to offer to open your garden, please contact E:Jane P or E:Chris or E:Jane G

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## School admissions – September 2022

Applications for first admissions (reception) and transfers from infant to junior/primary (year 3) for September 2022 are now open for children living in Nottinghamshire.

Parents of children who are 5 years old between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, or who are transferring from an infant school (year 2) to junior education (year 3) in September 2022, and require a school place for September 2022, need to apply before the closing date of 15 January 2022.

Please take care to apply on time as it will increase your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools. If you need help with your application, please call Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80.

All parents of known Nottinghamshire children eligible to apply should have been sent an application pack to their home address in November. Parents of children who live outside Nottinghamshire should contact the relevant local authority for information about applying.

We recommend you apply online at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions), where you'll be able to view the outcome of your application on National Offer Day, 19th April 2022.

Please read the oversubscription criteria carefully for your preferred schools and use all four preferences. Applications for admission to year 3 in the normal admissions round will be considered only for those schools that normally admit children at year 3.

You can find lots of useful information in the “Admissions to schools: Guide for parents 2022-2023” and the “Admissions to schools: School information 2022-2023” leaflets. These can be read or downloaded at the Admissions website above.

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