

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Saturday 1st October

Autumn Diesel Gala at Great Central Railway, Mere Way. Real Ale, intensive timetable and all available classic diesels from our extensive collection operating. Visit www.gcrn.co.uk for details.

Sunday 2nd October

The Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park invite you to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Education Room (by the lake) at Rushcliffe Country Park. In aid of FoRCP.

Footpath Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk - Edwalton (incl. Golf Course) - Tollerton Circular. Meet 2.30pm on The Green.

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Tuesday 4th October

Amenities Committee Meeting at Elms Park Pavilion, Loughborough Road, commencing 7.30pm. (Please note the venue for this meeting)

Wednesday 5th October

Battles of the Midlands - a talk by Gareth King presented by Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 8pm. Refreshments served. Fee for visitors £2. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 8th October

Parish Council Surgery - Your opportunity to meet with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors to discuss local issues. 10am to 12 noon in the Hall at St. Peter's Rooms.

Wednesday 12th October

"Life on the Lincolnshire Saltmarshes" a talk by June Barton, presented by Ruddington

W I at St. Peter's Rooms 8pm. Visitors and new members welcome

Thursday 13th October

"Nottingham Castle" - a talk by J W Clarke presented by Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 2pm. New members welcome.

Local Area Group - Meet with your local officers to discuss local issues at Ruddington Police Station on the corner of High Street and Kirk Lane, 7pm.

Friday 14th October

Western Front Association presents "Mountains, Mules & Malaria - Soldiering with the British Salonika Force 1915-18" by Alan Wakefield at St. Peter's Rooms from 7.30pm. Non-members welcome and are asked to make a donation of £3.50. Tea and coffee served prior to the meeting.

A Victorian Gentleman by Gareth King presented by the Friends of Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum at Chapel Hall, Chapel Street commencing 7.30pm. Entrance by ticket £5 (includes tea & biscuits) from the Museum or phone 0115 921 5253.

Saturday 15th October

Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke QC MP available for constituents at Rushcliffe House, 17-19 Rectory Rd, West Bridgford. By appointment only - ring 0207 219 5189.

Tuesday 18th October

Environment & Community Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm.

Saturday 29th October

Autumn Fair - the Royal British Legion launch their Poppy Appeal and are holding an Autumn Fair this morning at St. Peter's Rooms. See posters for details.

MYSTERY PHOTO: A large wood carving from the Ammonites Display in the glade near the lake at Rushcliffe Country Park. Taken by Graham Wright.

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**HOW MUCH
DIFFERENCE
CAN £5
MAKE?**

£5

Quite a lot if you spend it locally! Research has shown that if every adult in the UK were to spend just £5 a week at their local independent outlets, the knock-on effect could add up to hundreds of thousands - or even millions - of pounds being injected into local economies. And it's been suggested that if this happened in Ruddington, our village

economy would be boosted by an extra £700,000 a year! The logic behind this is simple - all our local shops, services and businesses have a network of suppliers, many of whom are also local. The suppliers also have their own suppliers, and so the chain continues.

At the moment, we're lucky to still have a good selection of shops and services in Ruddington, but their days could be numbered if people don't use them. So next time you find a fiver burning a hole in your pocket do your village a favour and spend it locally! (*Researched & written by Faye Stenson*)

RUDDINGTON DETACHMENT RHR CORPS OF DRUMS

The Ruddington Detachment of the RHR Corps of Drums recently returned from their annual parade at Gommencourt & Belgium. They played and marched into the Menin Gate and when their turn came, the Corps played their regimental call & "Charlie Reveille" note perfect and then fell back and marched off with their heads 20ft high. They had so many requests for encore that they formed up and played at the side of the Gate on the pavement and were immediately asked back next year by the Last Post Association President. Russ Jones, SMI Bugle Major said that one of the Buglers, an elderly gent awarded the B.E.M. and aged 86 years, said "I have played here

every night except two for the last thirty six years and your cadets are the finest I ever heard and seen."



(*Photo taken on the steps of Foncquevillers Village Church, France*)
Cadets are aged from 13 - 18 years old and anyone wanting to know more about joining can ring Major Russ Jones on 0773 956 3588 for more information.

NEW COUNCILLORS

An uncontested election was recently held to appoint two new Councillors to serve on Ruddington Parish Council. Mrs Marilyn Robinson was appointed to represent Easthorpe Ward and David Hall will represent Manor Ward. Residents may remember that Councillor David Hall had previously served on the Parish Council until earlier this year.

PLAY AREA GATES

Thanks to everyone who contacted the Parish Council Office saying the gates to the Vicarage Lane Play Area were "missing". We are pleased to report that they have not been stolen but have been temporarily removed for painting. However, it was good to know that so many people were concerned enough to report it.

MORE LICKS AT THE VIC!

With six village pubs still at our service in Ruddington we really are spoilt for choice when it comes to drinking and eating – but also for "live" entertainment.



In fact the fortnightly Acoustic Music Nights at The Victoria Tavern have been proving so popular that, from November, they'll be held every week. Meantime Ralph Glover plays blues/rock there on the 14th of

October and John Rockliffe returns on the 28th.

There's also live music every Saturday night at The Red Lion and a 70's, 80's & 90's music disco every Friday.

If YOU fancy being the star turn then The Jolly Farmers is now hosting Karaoke on Wednesday and Friday nights.

The legendary free Thursday night quiz at The White Horse remains very popular. This pub is also CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2012 listed and a Mecca for real ale lovers – hosting the annual Ruddington Beer Festival along with The Three Crowns and The Red Heart. The Red Heart has established itself as THE sports viewing venue in the village with all the big games and fixtures being shown on numerous large screen TVs around the pub.

So make sure you try our "Six of the Best". Sadly The Bricklayers Arms is still closed and up for lease, but now seems to be undergoing refurbishment – so watch this space! Soon we could be back in seventh heaven....

(Written & researched by Graham Wright)

RUDDINGTON IN THE NEWS

You might have wondered exactly what was happening earlier this month when reporters from a number of local (and less local) newspapers and other media descended on our village. Ruddington became the centre of attention when a report from the Boundary Commission suggested that our Parliamentary Constituency of Rushcliffe might disappear. The proposals would put Ruddington in a new constituency called "Coalville and Keyworth" and whilst Keyworth is well known to residents and is less than 4

THE NOISE IN RUDDINGTON



On the first weekend of July, Ruddington saw THE NOISE 2011 – a social action project promoting community service led by Ruddington Baptist Church's youth groups. Over 65 volunteers of all ages left the church building and poured into the community to serve their neighbours by doing jobs such as painting, DIY, gardening, etc. The Noise-makers didn't only share the work that weekend, but their lives, their meals, times of worship and prayer. The teams managed to complete 12 projects over the two days. The event had a profound impact on both residents and the participants. One resident said that the young people "came with a smile, worked with a smile and left him with a smile". After sending teams to St. Peter's School to dig up and create large borders, the feedback was overwhelming; "We hoped the volunteers might manage to complete one border. As it turned out they completed all three – fantastic!"

But in giving out, the Noise-makers were abundantly blessed too. People often define church by Sunday services but in serving others, Ruddington Baptist Church had a new experience of church that reached across age and gender barriers. It

was awesome to see what happens when we offer our skills and time to put a smile on someone's face. Join us next year to make a difference in Ruddington. Put next year's date in your diary: 30 June & 1 July 2012.

www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk

MYSTERY PHOTO



How well do you know your village?
(Answer on page 8.)

LOCAL HISTORY & AMENITY SOCIETY

Over the past 40 years, the Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society has researched the history of Ruddington and the surrounding area, delving into otherwise overlooked nooks and crannies of the village's history. The society's activities include a series of talks at St. Peter's Rooms which run from October to March, summer outings and running the Ruddington Village Museum. Visitors are welcome at the society's meetings and events, although membership is available for a modest £8.00 per year (£12 for a couple).

Meetings take place commencing 8pm on Wednesday evenings at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street. Event details are published in the Ruddington Diary or see posters around the village. Refreshments are served after the lecture.

ring either the Beat Manager or the PCSO and if they answer immediately, they will respond to your call. However, if they do not answer the call, or if the call is diverted or switches to an answerphone, please ring the Main Control Room as before.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE

Ruddington Young People's centre is open: Mon, Tues & Weds 6:45-9.15pm, Friday 6.30-9pm for young people in year 7 up to the age of 19. In addition to this a 'junior' session for young people aged 10+ is due to commence on a Thursday evening. The sessions include lots of positive activities ranging from: **Sports** – such as football, pool, table tennis and cricket. **Arts & Crafts** – such as glass painting, badge making, T-shirt design, poster painting. **Music** – with the opportunity to use our DJ booth and Rock School Jam Sessions. **Food** – fully furnished kitchen providing opportunities to cook and make drinks, as well as assisting in our coffee bar style tuck shop. **Fun & games** - quizzes, competitions and many more positive activities. We have an experienced team of youth workers with a wide range of skills and interests, all of whom offer support, information, advice and guidance around various issues as well as being someone to talk to and positively listen.

For further enquiries contact Youth Worker-in-Charge, Patrick Manning on 0115 984 2522 or pop along to one of our sessions - we look forward to seeing you!

A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY



POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: *"As we approach Halloween at the end of October, I am aware that some of the more vulnerable residents are worried about being bothered by 'Trick or Treaters' at this time of year. The Parish Council Office has posters that you can put in your window requesting "NO TRICK OR TREAT".*

I am also concerned about children who go 'Trick or Treat'ing without parental consent or supervision – please make sure you know where your children are, or accompany them to keep them safe.

Fireworks will be on sale during October; can I ask everyone to be vigilant and if you suspect that fireworks are being bought for underage users, please report this to Trading Standards at Nottinghamshire County Council on 08449 80 80 80. If you see fireworks being used in an unsafe manner, please ring the police."

Police contact numbers are:
0300 300 9999 (non emergency)
Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill –
tel: 07702 141 724
Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy –
tel: 07702 141 722
IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

miles away, Coalville is around 25 miles away – a 40 minute journey by car!

The Nottingham Post reported that Ruddington has been part of the Rushcliffe constituency since 1885 and if the proposals are adopted, Ken Clarke, who has represented Rushcliffe for 41 years, will be left without a seat. The plans are designed to reduce the number of MPs from 533 to 502 and to even out the number of voters in each constituency.

Reporters from the Nottingham Post, local radio and even, we believe, a Coalville newspaper, have been asking residents what they think about the proposed changes and so far it seems that Ruddington has very definite ideas of what it does and doesn't want!

Of course, Ruddington is not the only village that might be affected by these changes if they should happen – Gotham, also currently in Rushcliffe Constituency, will be moved into Broxtowe which is 17 miles away.

The Parish Council would like to remind residents that these proposals are for Parliamentary Constituencies and would not affect your Parish or Borough Councillors or your County Councillor or their boundaries.

According to the Nottingham Post, the proposals are out to consultation until 5th December 2011 and the Boundary Commission is inviting comments. For more information or to leave your comments, visit the website: www.consultation.boundarycommissionforEngland.independent.gov.uk and follow the link to East Midlands and "Have Your Say" or write to Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ.

"CITY OF TRURO"

After an extended visit to GCRN, this world famous locomotive left Nottinghamshire after the August Bank Holiday weekend. It returns to the National Railway Museum in York where it will be on show.



(Photo by Peter Woodhead)

GCRN REVS UP FOR WINTER

Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN) is continuing its popular events programme this winter, with three seasonal specials in November and December. On 5 November, the annual Fireworks Show takes place, which will feature fairground rides, GCRN's miniature railway, traction engines, steam rollers and a special connecting train service between East Leake and Ruddington.

Once again, Santa Claus will be coming to GCRN in December. 'Santa Special Services' will run every Saturday and Sunday, with gifts for the children, mince pies for the grown ups and refreshments for everyone. As well as a steam ride through the Nottinghamshire countryside, GCRN's miniature trains will also operate on all Santa Special dates.

And when Christmas is all over for another year, you can escape from it all on GCRN's Winter Holiday trains on 27 and 28 December. Both steam and diesel locomotives will be

running. You can find out more about all these events and download the Santa Special leaflet at www.gcrn.co.uk.

JOIN THE GCRN GUARDS

Fancy trying your hand at being a Guard on a steam train or diesel locomotive? GCRN is looking for new people to join their team of on-train guards. Visit their website or email info@gcrn.co.uk for more details.
(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)

OLIVER'S BUTCHERS: The History of a Family and its business (Part 3)

In the third and final part of our mini-series about David Oliver and his family, David talks about the changes to the butcher's industry that took place in the 1970s and 80s.



(Bill Oliver senior)

Ringling the changes

From the early 1970s onwards, the butcher's trade evolved in new directions as healthy eating became more popular and people's tastes in food started to change. 'In the old days, people would eat fat, but they started wanting lean meat instead,' recalls David. 'That led to a change in

the types of cattle being used for beef, from the typical Friesian/Hereford cross to the French breeds that give much leaner cuts.' Sales of chicken and turkey, seen as healthier options than red meat, were also rising, especially as fewer people now kept their own poultry at home.



(The shop in 1981)

As more people began taking holidays abroad, they became interested in foreign food and David's customers often sought his advice on how to cook new recipes. Oliver's began issuing recipe pamphlets to help people recreate the dishes they'd enjoyed on holiday or had seen on the new television cookery programmes. Daily life at Oliver's changed forever in the early 1980s when the Co-op closed its slaughterhouse on Church Street. With no local abattoir facilities, David had to stop buying live animals and turn instead to the wholesale market. 'We lost much of our product choice and flexibility when we started buying from wholesalers,' says David. 'Bartering for livestock had been a big part of our lives, and Dad and I were used to choosing each animal ourselves. Working with a wholesaler was quite different – often we didn't know which farm the meat had come from, and there was very little room to negotiate on price.'

The end of an era

Oliver's continued to do a brisk trade until 1999, when David decided to retire. The business was taken over by long-term employee Robert Warner, who ran the shop until 2010. David and his wife Marion are both still very much a part of village life and David can often be found practising his long term hobby of bell-ringing at St Peter's Church. With one of their daughters and various other family members still living in the village, the Oliver dynasty is set to continue into Ruddington's future.

MEAT FOR A WEEK IN 1936

Qty	Description	Price
4 2	Beef	5 4
1 0	Steak	1 2
1 2	Pressed Beef	1 6
	Lamb	5 0
		12 6

This Oliver's bill dates from September 1936, just one year after David's father Bill took over the butcher's shop. It is written out to a longstanding customer who, as David recalls, received an almost identical order each week. 'Mr Dodson was a farm labourer who worked for Machin's in Ruddington. He earned 30 shillings a week as a waggoner so, as you can see, he spent almost half his wages on meat for the family every week. The pressed beef referred to on

the bill would have been pre-cooked cold meat that people used to buy in the days before tinned food.'

It is interesting to compare the Dodson family's spending on meat with today's trends. According to the Office of National Statistics, the average weekly wage for a full-time male employee was £538 in April 2010 – and the average household expenditure on meat and fish was just £13.70 a week. That's less than 3%!
(Researched & written by Faye Stenson)



"PHOTOGRAPHIC" GARDEN COMPETITION"

Winner - Mr P. Brown (£25)
Second - Mrs. A. Wroughton (£15)
Third - Mr. P. Woodhead (£10)

IF IT ISN'T REPORTED – IT ISN'T HAPPENING!

We often have residents reporting to the Parish Council Office that they are concerned when issues of anti-social behaviour occur in the village and want to know what they can/should do about it. We have spoken to our local Beat Manager and this is the advice we have received:

- 1) If you feel threatened or worried, ring 999 immediately
- 2) If you want to report an event that you have witnessed or are witnessing, ring the Main Control Room immediately. The number is **0300 300 9999**.

By doing this, the event will be logged and reported as an incident in Ruddington. You can, if you prefer,