

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

TEMPORARY ONE WAY SYSTEM GETS A MIXED REACTION



The temporary one way system, recently put in place to enable new pavement works on the High Street, is proving a mixed blessing so far. Most drivers are following the new route, which is clearly marked with signs as well as barriers to prevent traffic turning the wrong way. However, a minority of people are confused by or ignoring the one way rule, to the extent of removing the barriers so they can drive around them. Several accidents have been reported, as well as a number of complaints made to the Parish Council. On the other hand, some residents have said they're in favour of the one way system being made permanent – so the reaction so far has been mixed.

Borough and Parish Councillor Peter McGowan commented: *'This is a Highways issue, so the Parish Council's influence is limited. My own view is that a permanent one way system would be good for the High Street, but it would cause a huge increase in traffic on Church Street, leading to parking issues and problems for pedestrians.'*

Reg Adair, Ruddington's County Councillor also gave us his view: *'I would support a one way system in Ruddington especially along the High St between Church Street and Kirk Lane. There is a future for a permanent one way system through the village if we can find a way to make it work effectively.'*

We'll keep reporting on the pavement works and one way system as the situation develops. In the meantime, we'd like to urge all drivers to please follow the correct route through the village!

(Researched and written by Faye Stenson)

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At the end of the Summer Term the children at James Peacock Nursery School took part in a special graduation ceremony to mark the end of their nursery education. The children were dressed in gowns featuring the school's colours of green and yellow, along with a mortar board. They walked along a red carpet to a stage where they were presented with their end of Nursery Report in the form of a scroll by the school's Deputy Headteacher Mrs Greensmith.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Back in July, Alan Peat judged the Garden and Allotments Competitions in the village and prizes were presented by the Vice Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Barbara Venes at the Parish Council Meeting on 21st September.



Winners were as follows:

VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD



A new notice board has been installed outside the Village Hall on Wilford Road to the delight of residents living at that end of Ruddington. It has been donated by the County Council through its Local Improvement Scheme and will be maintained by the Parish Council. It is intended to display items of interest for users of the Village Hall and items which affect residents in the Wilford Road area.

FRONT GARDEN

- 1st (£25) – Eric Radford
- 2nd (£15) – Phil & Kathy Brown
- 3rd (£10) – Maureen Sadler

WINDOW BOXES, ETC

- 1st (£25) - Patrick Summers
 - 2nd (£15) - Jason Calladine
 - 3rd (£10) - Victor Calladine
- Overall winner of the Harold Wroughton Memorial Trophy (+£25) - Patrick Summers

ALLOTMENTS

- 1st (£50) - Bob Smith
 - 2nd (£25) - Brian Booker
 - 3rd (£15) - Wayne Farrington
 - 4th (£10) - Roger Byrne
- Highly commended: - Barry Voce & Douglas Cheetham

Winner of the Victor Ludorum Cup (Thorncroft Trophy) - Bob Smith
 Cllr. Barbara Venes congratulated all of the winners and expressed thanks from the Parish Council to everyone who entered the competition.

NEW SHOPS FOR RUDDINGTON

After months of gloomy headlines about local traders it is good to report that our soon-to-be "new look" village centre is seeing some new businesses filling vacant shop units. Flynn's Men's Hairdressing opened in the High Street on the 16th of September. Despite the current pavement works, barber Martin Booth (23) is reporting some good early support. He began his hairdressing career in Nottingham eight years ago, working at Pepper's in the city, before pursuing this new venture. *"I knew there used to be three barbers in Ruddington"* says Martin *"but saw recently there was only one left, so realised there was a gap in the market. I'm open six days a week and offer discounts to senior citizens from Monday to Thursday."*

In an unexpected move Crusader has re-opened its much-missed Gift Shop at the corner unit on 2 Easthorpe Street. Managing Director Keith Soden-Barton tells us *"We've been doing such a roaring trade online at crusadergifts.co.uk that we've had to move most of our stock to a warehouse. We had some end of line goods and other breakables that have proved difficult to post. So we've decided to try opening our Ruddington outlet again as a 'sale shop' on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 9.30am and 2.30pm to see if village shoppers will support us this time - at heavily discounted prices. We can extend opening times if they do."*

Tanners will soon have some local competition with news that the old Ruddington Carpets shop is to re-open as an estate agency. And work is now underway on the former Grices premises at Dutton's Hill to turn them into a Sainsbury's 'Local' Store -

expected to be trading there by Christmas.

(Researched & written by Graham Wright)

NEW VICAR FOR ST. PETER'S



"St. Peter's Notes" the newsletter for St. Peter's Church, has announced the appointment of a new vicar for Ruddington. Andrew Buchanan will be bringing his wife and three children aged 4, 9 and 11, to the village to take up his new post at St. Peter's Church in January 2011. Andrew is 46 years old and was born in Aberdeen. You can read more about Andrew and his family in St. Peter's Notes which is available from the church or as a download on the Parish Council website homepage.

ATTRACTING WILDLIFE

With hedgerows disappearing in the countryside, the wildlife needs all the help we can give it in our gardens. Here are a few simple ideas to try and help attract and provide a safe habitat for wildlife.

One of the easiest things you can do is create a log pile in an unused part of the garden. This will provide shelter and food for beetles, spiders and woodlice, all of which are beneficial to the garden. A compost heap is great for the garden as it will attract worms and other creepy crawlies that just love to munch away at your garden

and kitchen waste such as hedge clippings, grass cuttings from your lawn, vegetable peelings, egg shells, tea bags, ground coffee from your cafetiere and small amounts of shredded paper. Build yourself a compost heap from scrap wood such as old pallets (or you could buy one ready made if you don't have the time to make one). Turn the heap regularly with a garden fork and after just a few months you will have good compost which can be sprinkled onto your garden.

Autumn is a good time to put up bird boxes so that the birds will have got used to seeing them and they will be in place for when needed in spring. Put out food for the birds regularly - they like wild bird seed, peanuts, sunflower seed, they will also eat up unwanted scraps of bread and cake. And here's another easy one for you to try. Leave a section of your lawn to grow long and this will provide a place for frogs to hide in, and before long bees and insects will be attracted to the wild flowers which will soon start to appear in your wild patch.

(Helen & Simon at Perkins Hardware)

MYSTERY PHOTO



How well do you know your village? Can you identify what and where this is? See page 6 for the answer.

(Supplied by Graham Wright)

SUMMER FUN IN RUDDINGTON



Thank you to everyone who attended the activities in the village during the summer. It was great to see so many families getting involved. Sincere thanks go to Surestart, Us2gether Extended Services, Ruddington Parish Council and County Councillor Reg Adair for their support in making all the additional activities possible.

Next summer it would be great to provide another programme of events but that is up to **YOU**. In order to access funding and grants we need to establish a group of interested people to form a committee. If you feel you would like to make next summer as busy as this one, please contact me on ruddsummer@virginmedia.net or leave your contact details at the Parish Council Office.
(Barbara Breakwell – Parish Councillor)

ABOUT OUR CONTRIBUTORS

(We thought you might like to know a little about those people who regularly contribute towards our newsletter)

Faye Stenson runs her own professional copywriting and marketing communications business called Black & Write which she started in 2008. She and her husband have lived in Ruddington since February 2005 and both take an active interest in local events and news (especially the beer festivals). Faye's interests include Greek and Roman history and the theatre, and she enjoys reading, dog walking, cookery and holidays.

We're grateful for her contributions to the Village Newsletter.

Graham Wright is a professional radio presenter and is regularly heard on the East Midlands' airwaves. Married and living in Ruddington, Graham is passionate about local heritage, is a member of CAMRA and the Grantham Canal Society as well as being a collector of 7" singles for his jukebox. He is also a member of Nottingham Writers' Club but more important than all of that – he regularly contributes to our Village Newsletter.

Thank you to Faye and Graham.

(New contributors are welcome – email the Parish Council Office for working party meeting dates)

NEW STUDENT YOUTH WORKER



“Hi there, I'm Chris Seager, and I'm moving to the Baptist Church from Suffolk. For the last two years I've been working for a Christian charity involved in youth ministry and

running an outdoor activities centre for primary schools years 4-6.

I'm really looking forward to moving to Ruddington and to all the new things that await me. This next year is starting to look very exciting with moving to a new town and church, beginning a degree course (Youth & community work and applied theology) at St. John's College, Bramcote, and getting married in August 2011 to my fiancée Julia, who is just about to start her 2nd year studying nursing at Nottingham University.”

POLICING



Our Beat Manager PC Ann Gill reports:

“With darker nights approaching, now is a good time to make friends with your neighbours. By doing this you can help your neighbourhood to stay safe and secure and increase everybody's wellbeing. It has been proven that being a good neighbour and watching out for each other helps reduce crime. It is also an excellent way to make friends!”

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

WANTED IN RUDDINGTON

Volunteers in Policing are required to help with taking part in community events, providing crime prevention advice, victim care, help desk support, telephone answering, public reception support and much more. Be part of the solution – telephone Daveen Brown, Volunteer Services Co-ordinator on 0300 300 999 ext 811 6609 for more information.

WASTE CORE STRATEGY

What would you do with 4 million tonnes of waste?

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council are working together to produce a new “Waste Core Strategy” which will decide how and where we should manage our

waste over the next 20 years. We want to hear what the public, waste industry and other interested groups think about the issues we are looking at. The consultation runs from 3 September to 29 October 2010. For more information and to respond to the consultation: Tel: 08449 80 80 80. Web: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk Email: development.planning@nottscc.gov.uk

Address: Minerals and Waste Policy Team, Communities Department, Nottinghamshire County Council, Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6BJ

CLASSES IN THE VILLAGE

Did you know that there are more than 60 different classes held in Ruddington? There's a huge range including dancing, playing bridge, the history of Ruddington, craft classes or exercise classes and there is bound to be a class to suit you. Check the notice boards or the website for details – or call in to the Parish Council Office.

HISTORY CORNER

Did you know...

- The village is linked with two national events from the 1480s. In 1485, Richard III's troops are reputed to have marched along the 'old road' by the village en route to Bosworth Field. And in 1487, Henry VII's army camped at Ruddington on their way to the Battle of Stoke Field.

- The Flawford Churchyard area shows evidence of Bronze and Iron Age occupation as well as being the site of a Roman villa.

(Supplied by Faye Stenson)

Mystery Photo – The "Tower" on St. Peter's Church

(Supplied by Graham Wright)

JAMES PEACOCK'S FREE SCHOOL



James Peacock was born in Ruddington around 1585 and became a very successful leather trader in London. Dying childless in 1641, he willed his estate to various good causes including the foundation of a school called the James Peacock's Free School, in his birthplace. The original school (a wood and thatched farmhouse on Church Street) taught boys and girls for over 200 years. It was funded by rent from farmland included in the Peacock Endowment which in 1891 was sold to Philo Mills of Ruddington Hall for £5,570. The original building was replaced by a purpose built brick building on Asher Lane in 1875 which is now Adlard Print & Reprographics Ltd. Boys and girls were later separated and the girls moved to the building now known as St. Peter's Rooms. The school continued to change over the years becoming a Junior Boys' School and then merged to form a mixed school known as St. Peter's Junior School. It closed in 1973 and all pupils were transferred to premises on Ashworth Avenue. To perpetuate the name of James Peacock, the infant school in Manor Park was named after him.

(Taken from James Peacock's FREE SCHOOL by Margaret Lawson)

DIAMOND JUBILEE

How would you like to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in 2012?



(The picture above was taken at the Silver Jubilee celebrations on The Green)

The Parish Council would like to hear your thoughts for appropriate ways to celebrate this momentous event and is asking that you write or email your suggestions so that it can begin to formulate a plan.



(The picture above was taken at the Golden Jubilee celebrations on The Green)

Perhaps you would like to see a Jubilee Fair with stalls selling local produce and representing local groups. Or maybe a Street Party or Communal Event on The Green.

Perhaps you feel that local schools and organisations should be actively involved with the celebrations?

Let us have your suggestions - and even at this early stage, if you are interested in getting involved with helping to organise such an event, we would like to hear from you.

Contact the Parish Council Office – details on the front page of this newsletter.



(Another picture of the Golden Jubilee)

MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Following the re-opening of the Ruddington Medical Centre on Church Street the temporary buildings, services, etc. have been removed from The Green and re-instatement work completed by the contractors. The Parish Council will now wait 2 -3 weeks to allow the ground to settle before inspecting the site to see what further work may be required to bring The Green back to its original condition. There is also a legal agreement in place which allows the Parish Council a further re-assessment of the site after 6 months.

TWITTER

Did you know that you can find up to date news and information about Ruddington on Twitter?
[Twitter.com/Ruddington_info](https://twitter.com/Ruddington_info)

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Saturday 2nd October

Great Central Railway, Mere Way – Miniature Traction Engine Rally (with a Night Run in the evening). See www.gcrn.co.uk

Sunday 3rd 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.

Footpath Walk - Edwalton (incl. golf course) – Tollerton Circular. Meet 2.30pm on The Green, Ruddington.

Great Central Railway, Mere Way – See above for details.

Tuesday 5th October

Amenities Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, starting 7.30pm

Wednesday 6th October

Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society presents a talk by Dr Peter Cullen entitled "Place Names of Nottingham" starting at 8pm, St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street. Refreshments served. Visitors and new members welcome – £2 per meeting.

Thursday 7th October

Safer Neighbourhoods - Meet with your local police officers outside the High Street shops between 10.00am and 11.00am

"Between Stairs: Life as a Lady's Maid" - Friends of the Framework Knitters' Museum - a talk by Jo Carter, at the Chapel Hall, Chapel Street 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (incl tea/biscs) from the Museum or 0115 984 5375.

Friday 8th October

Can you knit? Do you want to learn? Come along to Philo's on High Street 10.30am to 12 noon and Knit and Natter the morning away.

Saturday 9th October

Parish Council Surgery at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, from 10.00am to 12 noon.

LAG Meeting - Meet with your local police officers to discuss issues in your local area at St. Peter's Rooms, Church St -10 to 12 noon

Sunday 10th October

Great Central Railway, Mere Way – End of Season Road Transport Event. See www.gcrn.co.uk for details.

Wednesday 13th October

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local police outside James Peacock School, Manor Park 8.30am to 9am

"The Quaker Tapestry" – Ruddington WI presents a talk by Anne Wood at St. Peter's Rooms 7.15pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Thursday 14th October

"Nottingham Now and Then" – a talk by J W Clark held by Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms, 2pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local police officers outside St. Peter's School, Ashworth Avenue 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Friday 15th October

Ugandan Evening – Join the team who visited TESO, NE Uganda at St. Peter's Church 7.30pm. Tickets 0115 878 0579.

Saturday 16th October

Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke is available for constituents at Rushcliffe House, 17-19 Rectory Road, West Bridgford Tel 0207 219 5189 or email suggd@parliament.uk.

Tuesday 19th October

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

[Saturday 23rd October](#)

Great Central Railway, Mere Way – Autumn Diesel Gala. See www.gcrn.co.uk

[Sunday 24th October](#)

Great Central Railway, Mere Way – Autumn Diesel Gala. See above

[Saturday 30th October](#)

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning and Poppy Appeal Launch at St. Peter's Rooms. **Great Central Railway, Mere Way** – Halloween Weekend See www.gcrn.co.uk for details. Halloween Craft Day for children 5 to 11 years – morning & afternoon sessions £5 per child. Must be booked and paid in advance – see Jean Greenwood in the gift shop.

[Sunday 31st October](#)

Great Central Railway, Mere Way – Halloween Weekend – see above for details

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