

Ruddington Diary

February

Sunday 3rd February

Tea, Coffee & Cakes at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Lady Bay to Holme Pierrepont riverside walk. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm (Note the new starting time).

Tuesday 5th February

Scrabble - Come along and have a game of Scrabble in Ruddington Library. 2pm to 4pm - all players welcome.

Wednesday 6th February

Ruddington and District Probus Club presents 'Brain Waves' by Jolyon Smith at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139 ext 22 if you would like to know more.

"Spinster Of No Occupation?" - a talk by Dr Rowena Edlin-White at the Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society. The talk will be followed by a social evening. Visitors welcome - £2.00 per meeting including refreshments. Commencing 8.00pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Friday 8th February

The Western Front Association presents "46th North Midland Division (TF) Memorial at Hohenzollern Redoubt" at talk by Michael Credland. 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50 including tea and coffee.

Tuesday 12th February

Finance & Policy Committee followed by Parish Council meetings at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, commencing 7.30pm. These meetings are to discuss & confirm the budget for 2013/2014. (Note: this was planned for an Amenities Committee Meeting which is now postponed until 26th February)

Wednesday 13th February

"Life as a Ladies' Maid" by Jo Carter and the 89th Anniversary Meeting of Ruddington Women's Institute at St Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.15pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Thursday 13th February Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club Winter Lunch – venue to be announced

Sunday 17th February

Tea, Coffee & Cakes at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Wednesday 20th February

Ruddington and District Probus Club presents 'A Very British Brew' by Harrie/Christine at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139 ext 22 if you would like to know more.

Tuesday 26th February

Amenities Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, commencing 7.30pm. (Note: this was planned for n Environment & Community Committee Meeting which is now postponed until 19th March)

Wednesday 27th February

Ruddington Gardeners' Association presents "One thousand miles to Chelsea" by Sue Haywood, an award winning garden designer. See how an award-winning Scottish Croft Garden was constructed at the Chelsea Flower Show at the Hermitage commencing 7.30pm. Members (just £1 per year) and non-members with an interest in any aspect of gardening are welcome. Complimentary tea and biscuits.

March

Sunday 3rd March

Tea, Coffee & Cakes at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Colston Bassett incl. ruins of St Mary's Church. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm (Note the new starting time).

Tuesday 5th March

Scrabble - Come along and have a game of Scrabble in Ruddington Library. 2pm to 4pm - all players welcome.

Note: The Finance & Policy Committee Meeting which was planned for this evening has been cancelled.

Wednesday 6th March

'Catherine Compton's Diary' by Stephen Finders presented by Ruddington and District Probus Club at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139 ext 22 if you would like to know more.

Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society - Annual General Meeting followed by Members Evening. 8pm St Peter's Rooms.

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

St. Peter's Church/War Memorial Improvements



What is missing? Clue: See page 4

You may have noticed work going on around St. Peter's Church. The Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme has funded this work and also work planned to refurbish the War Memorial.

There is work to replace the paths, handrails, and work on trees. Add to this the work by the Community Payback team tidying up the grounds and painting the railings, as well as the work being done to some headstones and the whole area will be looking 'spick and span' by the spring.

Parking Problems - Progress?

Everyone in Ruddington seems to have a view on the problems of parking in the Village.

The County Council have come up with a plan to make things a bit better and are asking for local views.

The plans are on show in the Parish Council office. Come and have a look and let the County know what you think.

The deadline for responses has been extended to 15th February.



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From Munchbox to Matthew's

You may have noticed an extensive recent refurbishment at 24 High Street – which included adding an extra floor with pitched roof for new residential accommodation above the retail premises and two brand new shop fronts.

One of those businesses also changed hands back in November – and has now been remodeled and rebranded as **Mathew's Café and Deli**. It reopened on the 14th January with a stylish new look and a new menu – focusing on eat in or take away food freshly made on the premises. Old favourites such as roast pork cobs are offered along with a new range of soups, pastries and exotic sandwiches including home cured salmon, and much more. And there's a full complement of frothy coffees, teas, etc, if you're just popping in for a drink and a cake.



The man behind the makeover is Mathew Mountain. It is his first solo business venture but he has many years' experience in the trade working as a chef at venues such as Tom Brown's in Gunthorpe. He currently employs four assistants at the café – Lydia (pictured with Mathew), Faye, Helen and Dom.

"I wanted to offer quality food in Ruddington but at competitive prices" says Mathew "and we've had good support in the first couple of weeks despite the terrible weather. For now we're opening Monday to Saturday but also hope to open on Sundays soon. And I'm planning a 'Pancake Special' for Shrove Tuesday. Please call in and give us a try!"

(By Graham Wright)

Charity Fun Run at Country Park

The annual Rushcliffe 10k and Fun Run returns to Rushcliffe Country Park on Sunday 3 March. The event aims to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy Sport (CP Sport) – a charity that helps people with Cerebral Palsy to achieve their full potential through sport. Last year, the 10k event attracted 666 runners and a great day was had by all, despite torrential rain. The chip-timed 10k course involves two circuits of the Country Park. Everyone taking part receives a souvenir, and prizes will be awarded to top runners in the various categories. The 10k and Fun Run are open to runners of all abilities aged 15 and over, and there's also a 2k circuit that's open to everyone – even the tiny tots!

£1 of each entry fee will be donated to CP Sport and entrants are encouraged to request a sponsorship form and raise as much money as possible for the charity. If you'd like to take part, you'll find more information and a link to the online entry form at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/10k/. The closing date for entries is Friday 15 February.

(By Faye Stenson)

Thanks

Thanks to Chloe Hailes for her help in laying up this edition of the newsletter in the temporary absence of Linda Cooke, Deputy Clerk, who normally edits the newsletter.

Gary Long, Clerk



If you want to find out more about acupuncture, perhaps wonder what the needles are like (people are generally surprised at how fine they are); what treatment involves; what conditions acupuncture can treat and more, here's your chance to find out. It's free to drop in, and a no-obligation opportunity to chat to Fiona about acupuncture, other therapies available at the Clinic, to meet the staff and see this friendly Clinic located in the heart of Ruddington.

As part of the Acupuncture Awareness Campaign, enjoy 10% off the acupuncture initial consultation/first treatment price between 25 February and 31 March 2013.

The Castle Clinic is at 5a High Street, Ruddington (entrance to the right of Kellams furniture store)

More information can be found on Fiona's website www.keyacu.co.uk or call her on 07816 842249 and The Castle Clinic www.castleclinic.co.uk 0115 9211455

Street Names

Ashworth Avenue

Named after the Ashworth family. One of these, Major Ashworth, lived at Ruddington Hall and was known as a colourful character with a striking handlebar moustache. He served as a JP and Mayor of Nottingham.

Sellors Avenue

Named after local benefactor Mr Fred Sellors, who died in the 1960s. Many of

his acts of generosity towards the village went unrecorded, but he is credited with giving Ruddington the playing fields on Wilford Road.

Churchill estate

This area of the village was being built around the time of Winston Churchill's death, so it was decided to name both the estate itself and each of its roads in his honour:

- Churchill Drive – self-explanatory!
- Bladon Road – the village in Oxfordshire where Churchill is buried
- Blenheim Close – his ancestral home was Blenheim Palace
- Chartwell Avenue – named after his house in Kent
- Westerham Road – the village where Chartwell is located
- Spencer Close – Churchill's middle name was Spencer, which is his mother's maiden name.

Packman Drive

Named after the Packman Brook which runs nearby. The brook got its name from the bridge over which packmen used to pass when travelling on the Nottingham to Loughborough Turnpike Road.

(By Faye Stenson)

Ruddington's Notice Board

The Notice Board on The Green is in serious need of restoration and the Parish Council wonders if there is someone out there who would like to take on this task.

This local centrepiece is in danger of being replaced with a modern one unless the Parish Council can find someone who is willing to undertake the task of replacing the glazing and restoring the paintwork.

Are you interested? Do you know 'a man who can'? There are funds available for this project – just come and talk to us in the Parish Council Office.

health and life expectancy, employment, crime rates, weather, and even good Broadband internet access.

The top of the league table is dominated by local authorities in London and the south east, so it was great to see Rushcliffe flying the flag for the East Midlands at number 22.

(By Faye Stenson)

Youth Centre And Sure Start



There are exciting developments at the Ruddington Youth Centre. Work is going ahead so that the building can be used during the day by the local Sure Start Children's Centre and to improve the outside space.

The building will be more accessible and used more, providing services for young children and families in Ruddington.

This will not impact on the valuable work already being done in the Youth Centre.

(By Barbara Breakwell)

Ruddington Driver Fined £1000

No, it hasn't happened yet. But it could! If you have a photocard driving licence did you know they are only valid for 10 years? As they started to be issued in 1998 **you**rs may have run out.

Section 4b on the card tells you the expiry date. It is worth a quick check as driving without a valid licence can invalidate your insurance and there are possible fines of up to £1000.

Looking For Sports Activities?

"Rushcliffe Together" aims to promote diversity, acceptance and participation in order to develop a cohesive community in Rushcliffe.

As part of that aim this group has produced a useful resource sheet which focuses on sports and physical activities for people with particular needs.

A reference copy is available at the Parish Council Office or you can view it at www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk.

(By Barbara Breakwell)

Why Hasn't Anyone Done Anything?

Have you spotted something wrong in the village? Perhaps graffiti on a wall or a street light not working?

Why not report it yourself rather than assume someone else will. The more reports that are made the quicker it might be sorted.

Litter or graffiti - contact Streetwise on 0115 981 9911 or email customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Faulty street light or traffic light, excessive weeds or plant growth on pavements, damaged pavements, flooding or drainage problems on roads - contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 08449 80 80 80 or via www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Water Leaks – contact Severn Trent on 0800 783 4444 or www.stwater.co.uk

Free Acupuncture Day

Fiona Lee (pictured below), is hosting a free **Acupuncture Open Day at The Castle Clinic on Friday 1st March 10:30am – 3pm** in support of the British Acupuncture Council's (BACc) Acupuncture Awareness Week 25 February – 3 March 2013, Fiona is the BACc Acupuncturist at The Castle Clinic.

Village Hall Improvements and History



Users of the Village Hall should be pleased to hear that the building work at the entrance to the hall is now nearly complete. Wheelchairs, pushchairs and prams now have much easier access to the Hall using the ramp and will also have easy access to the new wheelchair accessible toilet.

These works, along with recent improvements to the kitchen and the repolishing of the Hall floor, have made the premises much more user friendly.

A Brief History:

Ruddington Village Hall was constructed in 1912 at a cost of £800 on land donated by the Misses Paget, who also contributed £400 towards the construction costs. The remaining funds were raised by public subscription and the hall was opened to celebrate the coronation of King George V.

It was declared open on 15th March 1913 by Lord Henry Bentinck, brother of the Duke of Portland.

During the 1939-45 War the building was taken over by the Civil Defence Committee of the County Council for possible use as a rest centre for the homeless but in the meantime it was used as a recreation room for troops stationed in the district.

With increasing costs of maintenance, it was difficult to introduce modern amenities and the management committee proposed to the trustees that

Ruddington Parish Council be asked to accept the Village Hall along with all its assets.

After nearly 3 years of discussion and correspondence with solicitors and the Charity Commissioners, the transfer was completed in December 1955.

Following the Parish Council's appointment as Trustees, structural alterations were made in the late 1950's in order to cater for increased lettings and modern catering equipment, with a further £20,000 spent on refurbishing the hall in 1998.

Anyone wishing to hire the Village Hall, St Peter's Rooms or any of the Parish Council venues, please contact Ruddington Parish Council Office.

Traders' Twitter



If you're on Twitter you may be interested to know that our own independent village news and information service **@Ruddington_info** has created a list called "**Ruddington Traders**".

It is hoped that villagers will subscribe to this list to get targeted Tweets on all the latest news, products and offers from their local businesses.

Currently there are 27 members – comprising the known village traders already on Twitter.

Even if you're not signed up to Twitter yourself you can view this list by visiting:- https://twitter.com/Ruddington_info/ruddington-traders/members

If your village business is missing, or you're just starting on Twitter, then please let **@Ruddington_info** know (either via a

Tweet or by emailing info@ruddington.info) and they'll add you on.

Alternatively there is another list called **"Rudd Groups and Charities"** for non-profit making organisations and groups based in Ruddington to get yourselves listed and promote your activities via Twitter:-

https://twitter.com/Ruddington_info/rudd-groups-and-charities/members

One of the newest members of this list is St. Peter's Church – which has joined Twitter using the name **@StPetersRudd**. It's Tweeting information, thoughts and photographs of events and people in the community.



The church already has a good number of Twitter followers, many of whom live in the village. But one of the first followers was an ex-Ruddington resident who now lives in Australia.

'I love Twitter', says Nikki Parkinson, who administers the church account. 'Anyone can find out about what we are doing, see photos of services and get to know about the new things that are happening.

It's also a great way of linking up people, places and businesses in Ruddington. Lots of people are on Twitter and it brings us all together.'

To follow St Peter's Church on Twitter, search for **@StPetersRudd**.

(By Graham Wright)

History Corner

Ruddington Ordnance & Supply Depot was commissioned in 1940 by the Ministry of Defence, along with a bomb factory and ammunition bunker. It took 4,000 workers just 18 months to construct more than 200 buildings on the site.

The site was divided into two parts. One was used as the filling factory and the other to store supplies. Around 6,000 people worked at the site, which was designed to be almost completely self-sufficient with its own reservoirs, heating and sewage plants, generators and medical facilities.

Although local people no doubt knew what the site was used for, they were given no official information and security staff patrolled the perimeter 24 hours a day.

The Ruddington Depot was decommissioned after the War ended in 1945, but the buildings remained standing for 41 years in total. The site was used for auctioning former military vehicles and equipment that were no longer needed, until its closure in 1983. After that, Rushcliffe Country Park was created which covers most of the Depot's original site.

(By Faye Stenson)

Burrows Yard

Recently, I had a visit from a couple of people, who having been married in 1946, lived for a period in No. 3 Burrows Yard.

This I believe was part of a complex of cottages off Distillery Street numbering six in total. No. 3 comprised of a one-up and one-down with no running water or toilet facilities but did have electricity and was rented from Mrs. Leverton.

The lady explained that it was very handy to live there as she worked as a hairdresser at a shop on the High Street which doubled up as a bank on some days. Can anyone add to the story?

(By Allen Wood)

Want To Be A Train Driver For A Day?

Following the success of its first ever 'Drive a locomotive' packages in 2012, Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN) is running a further programme of Driver Experience Days in 2013.

Train enthusiasts are being offered the chance to spend a full day driving a heritage diesel or steam locomotive along GCRN's 10 miles of railway, which run from their station base in Rushcliffe Country Park across Ruddington Moor to the outskirts of Loughborough.



Prices for the Driver Experience Days start from £230 per person, with drivers guaranteed *'an amazing day out with maximum time in the chair.'*

So if you're a heritage railway fan, why not treat yourself or a friend to a unique experience and find out what it's really like to drive a train?

Contact GCRN for more information by emailing info@gcrn.co.uk, or call 0115 940 5705. Please note that age and mobility restrictions apply.

(By Faye Stenson)

Council Tax Changes This Year And Future Years

The part of the Council Tax levied by the Parish Council is being calculated now. This year the situation is complicated by new arrangements for Housing Benefit and other changes.

The effect of these changes for 2013/14 would mean that the amount of money that Ruddington gets from Rushcliffe Borough reduces significantly. However, Rushcliffe have the benefit of a

transitional grant from the government for the next financial year, and this is being passed on to parishes.

This will still mean that Ruddington will not get as much from the Borough next year as it did last time.

Looking ahead, it is clear that the Borough will not get the transitional grant in the same way for 2014/15. Ruddington, like other parishes, may find itself looking at a situation where it gets even less, or nothing, from the Borough.

The Parish Council is monitoring all of this very carefully so that we can prudently plan for the future.

(By Nick Tegerdine, Chair of Finance and Policy)

Ruddington's Forgotten Past Replies

Thank you to June McConnell who responded to the 'Ruddington's forgotten past' piece in the last newsletter by supplying the missing information.

The photo we printed is Mrs McConnell's and she has many others as well.

She has identified the two people in this one as her grandmother and another relative.

We'd also like to pass our thanks onto John Carroll who has contributed to the piecing together of Asher Lane's history with an anecdote from his childhood.

He lived at number 36 in the 1950s; a couple of decades after Mrs McConnell's photo was taken. He got his head stuck in the iron railings at the school and was cut free by the fire brigade!

A Great Place To Live

Did you know that Rushcliffe is the best place to live outside the south of England? Our area was the top-rated of just six non-southern boroughs to make the top 50 in a recent quality of life survey. And overall, Rushcliffe achieved an impressive 22nd place out of the 405 local authorities in England.

The survey, carried out by Halifax, looked at a number of areas including residents'