

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Garden Competitions 2013



Optimistic that this summer WILL be a good one for gardeners and garden lovers, the Parish Council is continuing with its Garden and 'Photographic' Competitions again this year.

With a change to its previous format, the Garden Competition is for ALL front gardens as viewed from the road, whether it features hanging baskets, pots and planters or flower beds, and there are more prizes with a 1st prize of £50, 2nd £25, 3rd £15 and 4th £10. The closing date has been extended to Wednesday 31st July.

The Garden 'Photographic' Competition is very popular as you can feature your front or back garden in the picture and you can take the picture when your display is at its best - anytime between 1st May and 31st August. Prizes of £25, £15 and £10 are awarded to the top three pictures.

Application forms (and rules) for both competitions can be picked up from St Peter's Rooms or downloaded from the Ruddington Parish Council website under 'Local News & Snippets'. All winners will be presented with their prizes and certificates at the Presentation Evening in the autumn.

Summer quiz

Can you work out which names of Ruddington roads and organisations are concealed in these cryptic clues? Answers on page 6!

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| 1. Not Lennon's, Harrison' or Starr's. | 6. Horseman's scrawl. |
| 2. A confident-sounding road. | 7. Heavenly lands. |
| 3. Cumin, cloves and cardamom, perhaps? | 8. A vendor's recreation place. |
| 4. An apostle's place. | 9. Trees come to a stop |
| 5. King's road? | 10. Just a road |

By Faye Stenson

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GCRN set to bridge gap

A new agreement between the Great Central Railway (GCR) and Network Rail is set to enable the long-awaited connection of GCR Nottingham, based here in Ruddington, and GCR PLC.

The deal will enable the two sections of the GCR heritage railway to build a new bridge that will connect GCRN's tracks, which run from Nottingham to Loughborough, with those of GCR PLC, which operate between Loughborough and Leicester. There is currently a 500m gap between the two sections, where lines were removed by British Rail in the 1970s.



Design work has already started on the £1m bridge that will carry steam and diesel locos over the Midland Main Line track at the south end of Loughborough station, creating an unbroken 18 mile stretch of preserved railway. GCRN will also gain access to the main line connection that's already in place within the GCR PLC section of the heritage line.

The new bridge will be formed from two 'recycled' railway bridges that were previously used by Network Rail. These will be laid end to end to create a new bridge that will carry a single track line over the Midland Main Line.

Other work that's needed to complete the project includes repairing a bridge over the Grand Union Canal, building a second new bridge over a road in Loughborough and

replacing a stretch of missing embankment.

Mark Fowler of GCRN comments: *'There is huge interest and excitement amongst both railway enthusiasts and the general public in seeing this project succeed. It is vitally important to us that the local communities join us in this vision. It will drive economic benefit during construction and in the longer term too.'*

In total, the bridge-gapping project is set to cost around £8 million, so GCR will be kept busy raising the funds needed to re-open the railway – which could take place within five years. The 'Bridge for the Future' fund has already been set up and you can find out more about the project and how to donate at www.gcrn.co.uk.

By Faye Stenson

St. Mary's Community Park

I am sure by now you will have heard about this project via the posters, consultation leaflets, previous Parish Council newsletters and social media.

Thank you to everyone who has completed our questionnaires through their door or by the survey monkey link. Thanks also to our two village schools for allowing the children to take part in a survey. We are currently collating these and will take ALL comments into consideration. You still have time to make your views known to us until 15th July 2013 via the online survey, www.facebook.com/St.MarysCommunityParkProject.

We will be meeting with providers of play equipment very soon to discuss costs etc. for a park suitable for ALL Ruddington residents.

The next step will be funding. There are a number of funding bodies we can apply to BUT we still have to do some fundraising ourselves. So far all our posters and

leaflets have been donated. From the James Peacock School Community Event we were able to raise £257.00. The Ladies Cocktail Night at McArneys raised £342 and a local businessman has donated £100.00. (Thanks to all for your donations).

A Curry Night is planned for 18th July at the Three Spices and we are also planning a Community Fun Day in the summer holidays. Could you help with this?

We are a small group working on behalf of **ALL** Ruddington residents. If you have experience in design, applying for funding, helping our fundraising team, communication skills etc. or can spare a couple of hours to help hands on with this project, please contact us via our facebook page, or you can text or leave a message on 0784 707 9705

Alex Watts
(Chair)

Nottingham Comes To Ruddington

It's encouraging to see that empty shop units in Ruddington village centre don't stay empty for long.



Following the departure of Kellam's secondhand store from High Street, work quickly got underway to convert the shop back to financial business premises. Many residents will remember this building as the

long term home of Midland Bank/HSBC before the branch closure in April 2010. It was some eleven years prior to this that an agency for the Nottingham Building Society also closed in Ruddington - just across the road, at what is now Philo's.

Well, after the merger of Nottingham Building Society and Shepshed Building Society, Ruddington's existing Shepshed branch is moving from the current premises at 33 High Street, near The Green, to the more central location of 3-5 High Street. So, because of the rebranding, our village will have The Nottingham once again!

Andy Bayes, Head of Marketing and Sales Development at The Nottingham, told us *"The move to these new and larger premises is great news for our customers and will provide both Nottingham and Shepshed Building Society customers with greater access to a broad range of financial services products such as mortgages and savings, insurance and financial planning. This move reflects The Nottingham's commitment to the high street, current Shepshed customers and to Ruddington itself. Not only will the premises be larger, there will also be more staff available to serve existing and hopefully new customers in the years ahead."*

By Graham Wright

WI Garden Party

Ruddington WI are holding a Garden Party at 200 Loughborough Road, Ruddington on Saturday 27th July 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Entrance £3.50 which will include a cream tea.

Profits will be donated to Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People. Please help support this worthy cause.

New management at The Three Crowns

Local drinkers will be pleased to hear that The Three Crowns on Easthorpe Street is now under new management, following a period when the pub seemed to have rather lost its way. And new managers Max Harman and John Noble are full of ideas and enthusiasm for bringing 'Top House' back to its former glory.



'So far, everyone's been very supportive over the management change,' comments Max. *'And we've kept the same bar staff, so there are still plenty of familiar faces behind the bar.'*

Max himself is a familiar face to many locals, as he worked at the pub for several years before leaving in 2008. He's delighted to be back at The Three Crowns and, along with John, has already overseen the restocking of the pub's cellar with top quality wines and beers.

These include real ales from Nottingham Brewery, other local breweries and Fullers, with guest ales set to return shortly. And CAMRA members visiting The

Three Crowns will enjoy a 25p per pint discount Sunday to Wednesday.

The pub's opening hours will soon be changing, with a return to daytime opening during the week. The change date is yet to be confirmed, but the new hours will be 12noon to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday, followed by 5pm to 11:30pm in the evenings. All day opening will continue at the weekends.

Bar food will also be making a welcome return with lunches being served from 12 noon to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday. The menu will be a mixture of English and Indian food, prepared in the kitchens of the popular Three Spices restaurant that's located behind The Three Crowns. Freshly-made rolls, crisps and snacks are available now.

Regulars will notice that repainting work has already started and in the coming months, the pub is set for a major makeover that will include new floors and reupholstered furniture. *'We're going for a lighter, fresher and more modern look,'* says Max. *'It'll look like a different pub by the time we're finished!'*

Other plans to enhance The Three Crown's customer offering include a new website and social media accounts, special events such as wine-tastings and charity fundraising evenings. All in all, it sounds like everything's on track to restore the pub to its rightful place as one of the village's top social spots.

By Faye Stenson

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council have changed the start time of their meetings to 7 p.m. (from 7.30 p.m.). All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and there is a time set aside for the public to speak on any topic on the agenda.

Policing

Our Beat Manager, PC Ann Gill, says “The summer holiday period is nearly upon us and there is always the problem that some children will become bored and problematic. Anti-social behaviour by a few children who may be hanging around in noisy groups, dropping litter, causing damage or generally causing a nuisance of themselves can make older and vulnerable residents feel intimidated.

When your children go out, can you make sure you know who they are with and where they are going so that you know they are safe and not responsible for any of the above problems. Make sure they don't leave cycles lying around and if they are using their mobile phone, be aware of what's going on around them. Enjoy the summer holiday and be safe.”

Primitive Methodist Chapel

Can anyone help us with any information, memories, anecdotes, photos or even suggestions as to any part of the history of Chapel Street and its residents or buildings? We still know almost nothing about the street and its history, or about the early Primitive Methodists and the building that they worshipped in.

We are especially interested in the homes (and frameshops) on 19th century Chapel Street, and their residents / The first Primitive Methodist Chapel / The people who have, since 1828, used the chapel building for different purposes / The street's 19th century framework knitting and hosiery activities and businesses.

Did your ancestors worship in the chapel or work or live on Chapel Street? Can you help us to put together the history of the Primitive Methodists in Ruddington between the 1820s and 1890s? Were your ancestors Primitive Methodists?

Do you know what happened to the chapel after it was replaced in 1873, or in the 20th century? Do you have any papers, letters, photos, drawings or maps that we could see? Can you help us to put together the history of the street, of its framework knitters, or of the Primitive Methodists in Ruddington between the 1820s and 1890s?



John Wesley

Although officially called Turner Street, it seems that the road has always been known as Chapel Street (and sometimes as White Horse Yard).

Any help that you can give to help rediscover, record and preserve the story of this historical part of Ruddington would be greatly appreciated. If you can help at all please contact the museum manager, Paul Baker, at Framework Knitters Museum, Chapel Street, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6HE

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Facebook: Framework Knitters Museum

Website:

www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk/contact.html

1 year on

The Old Bakehouse Tearoom will be 1 year old on the 9th July. The tearoom has become a hive of friendly chatter, from the locals meeting place to people coming into Ruddington and enjoying the relaxed and friendly environment.



We have enjoyed children's and adult's birthday parties, bingo nights, friends get together and reunions. I would like to thank everyone for your support and making my tearoom dream come true.

Lesley

Ruddington Reach

Ruddington Reach is an exciting new on-line platform, launched for local businesses to connect with visitors, locals and customers.

It offers the opportunity to showcase what your business has to offer to potential customers!

Our Web Developers at Ruddington Reach have over 20 years' experience in the Digital Marketplace, with a Blue Chip Company background. Their 'behind the scenes' work is set to see Ruddington Reach climb and populate the Search Engine Rankings. The team are innovative and constantly developing ideas to build local community business to business.

Local Business print publications have been very successful, throughout the UK for years, and continue to spread the word about what local businesses have to offer. With Google dominating over 90% of all UK search traffic online... we want to put the printed concept into the online market to start generating extra enquiries for our local businesses.

A project brought to you by Create Industries Ltd, Ruddington Reach is going to provide an exciting opportunity for the local businesses of Ruddington.

Combining a 'Business Directory' option with a local monthly offer page 'Rudd Reaches Out', there are numerous avenues to showcase your business and take advantage of the new online platform.

The team at Ruddington Reach are very excited to show those both inside and outside of the village, what Ruddington's wonderful businesses have to offer. Ruddington is a fantastic village with plenty of quality businesses, we are about to show the web why to choose Ruddington the next time they are looking for a business!

Contact: Vikki Taylor 07921 462871

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Summer Quiz Answers

1. McCartney's
2. Shaw Street
3. The Three Spices
4. St Peter's Rooms
5. Charles Street
6. Rider's Ink
7. Paradise Gardens allotments
8. Sellors Playing Field
9. Elms Park
10. Mere Way

Keeping swifts in the skies over Rushcliffe

Each May swifts which have spent the winter in Africa return to this country. They are here for only three months, leaving again at the end of July, but in that brief period they make their presence felt. Their beautiful streamlined shapes and the amazing speed of their flight, often in parties screaming to one another as they go, make them a unique and remarkable feature of summer.



Over the past few decades swift numbers have declined significantly and it is likely that a major cause is a lack of nest sites. Swifts have been nesting in our buildings for hundreds of years, but modern construction and better insulation leave no way in. Each time an old roof is replaced, access for birds is prevented, and the only way to compensate for this is to incorporate nest boxes.

Fortunately, swifts need very little space and there is no shortage of purpose-built nest boxes on the market. But they are creatures of habit and if they return in spring to find that they cannot access their nest sites they will leave, fail to breed, and be difficult to entice back. If holes are replaced by purpose-built boxes

during renovation, the swifts are quite likely to use them successfully.

We want to keep swifts in Rushcliffe and we would like to create a network of people who would help. In Kinoulton we have been lucky enough to attract swifts to new boxes and we would be delighted to show anyone what we have done. We would also like to know about swifts nesting anywhere in the Borough. **Please let us know if you have swifts locally, or if you might like to be involved.** To learn more about these amazing birds go to: <http://www.swift-conservation.org/> .

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Parish Plan

Ruddington Parish Council would like to invite residents to attend a meeting at 7.45 p.m. on THURSDAY 18th JULY at St. Peter's Rooms.

A representative from Rural Community Action will be present to supply help and information in the formation of a 'Parish Plan'.

Ruddington is your village and this is an opportunity for residents to participate in its development for the next few years. Please come along and have your say on matters that will affect you and your families.

A large print copy of the Village Newsletter is available to read in the library

Ruddington Diary

July 2013

Tuesday 2nd July

Scrabble - In Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm. All players welcomed

Saturday 6th July

Charity Dinner: – Julie and Andrew Sturt of the Country Cottage Hotel are holding a charity evening with three course meal, charity raffle and auction, and followed by a Blues Brothers Tribute act. In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support – tickets £29.95 per person. 0115 984 6882 for details.

Sunday 7th July

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. East Leake Circular. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm (Note the new starting time).

Tuesday 9th July

Amenities Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.30pm.

Tuesday 10th July

Ruddington WI - you are invited to "Life as a Ladies Maid" by Jo Carter, commencing at 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 11th July

'Bits and Bobs' - by Bob Neill presented by the Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus. St Peter's Rooms commencing 2pm. New members welcome.

Friday 12th July

'Jumpy Stumps' Roehampton Hospital and amputation 1915-1920 by Dr Julie Anderson presented by the Western Front Association. 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50 including tea and coffee.

Saturday 13th July

Parish Council Surgery. 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors about local issues. (Note: There is no surgery in August 2013) **ALSO** Local Area Group (LAG) - your local police will be in attendance for you to discuss local issues.

Monday 15th July

Miniature Traction Engine Rally - at GCRN. A popular early summer event featuring a host of miniature traction engines and steam vehicles, most of which will be in steam and operating. The miniature railway facilities at Ruddington also offer rides during this event, while train services operate on Sundays.

Tuesday 16th July

Miniature Traction Engine Rally - at GCRN. A popular early summer event featuring a host of miniature traction engines and steam vehicles, most of which will be in steam and operating. The miniature railway facilities at Ruddington also offer rides during this event, while train services operate on Sundays.

Wednesday 17th July

Learn a new craft at the Framework Knitters Museum Workshops. Today - make a vintage beach bag for £10. For more information contact Paul Baker, Museum Manager on 0115 984 6914.

Friday 19th July

Ruddington Business Partnership - meets today at Philo's from 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses.

Sunday 21st July

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

Tuesday 23rd July

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

Friday 26th July

Summer School Holiday Baking Workshops delivered by Lola's Little Luxuries - Family animal cake pops. All activities from 10am - 11am at St Peter's Rooms, Ruddington. Workshops £7 each or 3 for £15. To book or for more information contact Helen 07557918801.

Saturday 27th July

Ruddington WI - "Garden Party" - see inside for details

Wednesday 31st July

Learn a new craft at the Framework Knitters Museum Workshops. Today - make a decorative felt flower corsage for £20. For more information contact Paul Baker, Museum Manager on 0115 984 6914.