

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Young Visitors from Grenay

After an interval of 5 years, on 16th and 17th August our village saw visitors from Grenay - our twin town in Northern France. Fourteen young people accompanied by three youth leaders were returning from a folk music festival in Grenay's other twin town, Balyshannon in the Republic of Ireland.

They were joined by Grenay's Mayor Christian Champire and his wife Michele and the French visitors enjoyed a packed 1½ days visiting Nottingham Castle, our Village and the Framework Knitters' Museums culminating in a steam train ride to Loughborough on the Great Central Railway.

Ernie and Doreen Gadsby, stalwarts of the old Twinning Association, also had a French family visiting and they were able to join in the events.



On the Saturday evening Parish Council Chairman Peter McGowan and his wife Deirdre hosted a meal at the 3 Spices Restaurant on Easthorpe Street where the party was joined by members of the old Twinning Association, other parish councillors and a local French speaking lady.

This visit seems to herald more contact with Grenay in the future with a visit to France for Armistice Day already having been suggested. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the Parish Council Office.

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Ruddington Bowls Club President's Day.

On 28th July, President Dick Marshall and his wife Pam hosted a very enjoyable day for the club. The weather was kind with only one shower when we were having lunch. There were several money raising games to take part in, as well as the bowls competition and we managed to collect over £250.00 for the President's charity which this year is the Nottingham Hospice. The winners of the bowls competition were Mary Cripwell and Roy Parkes seen here receiving their prizes from the President.



Parish Plan

A second meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 1st October to consider producing a Parish Plan for Ruddington. It will be held at St. Peter's Rooms at 7p.m.

All residents are invited to attend. A group of volunteers will be needed to form a 'committee' to carry the project forward. This will include some Parish Councillors and support will be available from various organizations. If

you are unable to make a regular commitment maybe you can help in other ways, delivering leaflets, helping with events or just by giving your views and support.

All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

*Councillor Helen Opie
Ruddington Parish Council*

Ruddington Business Directory 2013

Ruddington Parish Council are inviting all local businesses in Ruddington to enter their business in a local business directory which will be produced in Autumn 2013

If you run a business either from home or premises in Ruddington we would like to hear from you.

Please e-mail the your details to david.hall20@btinternet.com or

office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk and we will send you details of the information we require from you regarding your entry in the directory.

It is envisaged that the directory once produced will be distributed to every household in Ruddington in order that they will keep this as a reference for when they require the services of a company.

Companies will be listed in alphabetic order by trade. Depending on the number of interested businesses there may a small voluntary contribution from advertisers, it is envisaged that this will be no more than £5.00 per business.

By Councillor David Hall

Are you proud of your garden?

A query was raised on one of the village social network pages “Does anyone know if Ruddington has ever done an Open Garden Event?” As a resident here for in excess of 30 years I am not aware of any such event but you may know differently?

Other areas locally and nationally hold such events annually where they invite residents to share their gardens, whatever size or format, with fellow residents. It usually involves a nominal charge which is given to a local charity. I walk around the village a lot and there are some fantastic gardens that I can see from the front but what is there at the back?



Would you be prepared to “open” your garden for a few hours on a summer weekend when it is at its best? If so, please contact me, Barbara Breakwell at councillorb@ntlworld.com and depending on interest levels, who knows - Ruddington Open Gardens may happen in 2014. All we need is the gardens.

By Councillor Barbara Breakwell

Business Christmas Window Display Competition

Ruddington Parish Council is holding a business Christmas window display competition. All Ruddington businesses are warmly invited to enter into the Christmas spirit and light up the village during the festive season.

Judging will be by an independent panel with awards given to the top three and the results will be announced at the village Christmas light switch on when it is hoped you will all attend.

To register contact the Parish Council Office by 1st November.

By Councillor Marion Pell

News from the Country Park

As always, the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park (FoRCP) have been hard at work building new activities and facilities and upgrading existing ones to give visitors of all ages a fun and educational experience.

Here are just a few of their latest projects:

- **A 5* Bug Hotel – the ‘Bug Ritz’.** A chain of bug hotels is currently under construction in the Park, offering a cosy retreat to creepy crawlies of all kinds. The first Bug Ritz has been built in the recently-refurbished tree nursery, whilst Bug Ritz 2 is located in the Activity woodland. Both hotels have been made from recycled materials and are already welcoming a host of visitors from the insect kingdom.

- **Message in a Bottle.** A new kids' activity, message in a bottle involves children using a specially-designed sheet (available from the Visitors' Centre) to locate 15 children who've been stranded on individual islands following a shipwreck.

Only 14 children have been found so far and by following the messages around the Park, you can work out where each one has been stranded, eventually discovering the name and location of the missing 15th child.

- **Sensory Trail upgrades.** The popular Sensory Trail, located near the Visitors' Centre, has received a few enhancements recently, including a set of giant hit-pipes.

These discarded pipes from floating islands have been given a new lease of life as musical instruments, creating super-deep sounds when hit with the paddle provided.

A new pan-stacking puzzle has also been added to the Trail, and the buckets have been replaced with 16 new ones featuring wildlife images and tessellation patterns for kids to enjoy.

For more information on FoRCP, their activities and how to get involved, please visit www.friends-of-rcp.co.uk.

With thanks to Roger Bryne.

By Faye Stenson

Ruddington Fun

Once again the village and the immediate locality was full of fun during the School Holidays. The committee of "Ruddington Fun" would like to thank everyone who attended their sessions. They also want to thank the Parish Council, our Borough Councillors, Ruddington Co-op, Veolia Environmental and Asda for their amazing support.

Also thanks to Adlards for their printing of the diary which listed all the things happening.

We are always looking for extra helpers so if interested please contact us on ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com.



Ruddington Fun

Singing is good for you!

Come and sing with us from September. We are Ruddington and District Choral Society and we welcome singers from far and wide. Singing helps us relax, improves our breathing and builds confidence.

This term we are singing Mozart, Britten and Handel. Meetings are on Monday evenings at St Peter's Junior School. There are no auditions, just a warm welcome. Contact 0115 9211451/ 9146783 or visit www.ruddington-choral.org.uk

Would you like a biscuit?

For the last 22 years the Wednesday Coffee Morning at St Peter's Rooms has been providing coffee and chat for the over 55's of the village. Organised by Lorna McCullough it is a popular session which always welcomes new members.

As a Governor at the James Peacock School I suggested the idea of bringing some pupils to lend a hand and now four children visit the coffee morning once each half term. Whilst there, they hand out biscuits, clear away empty cups, take the register and fees and chat to the members. It is a delight to hear them sharing stories about their lives and the children are always amazed when the members who used to attend St Peter's Rooms when it was a school, tell them about the toilets being outside!

In a society where families quite often live long distances apart, to have the opportunity for the generations of our village to interact in such a fun way can only be of benefit to both. On behalf of the school I thank Lorna, her helpers and the members for allowing us to visit.

By Councillor Barbara Breakwell

From Trainee to East Midlands Today

Regional News Reporting for the BBC

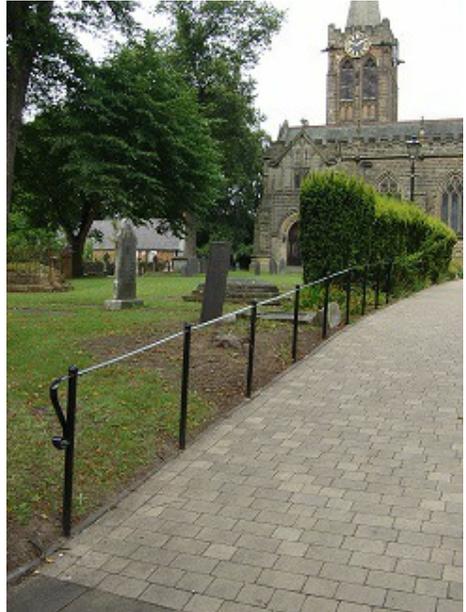
A talk by Carol Hinds, at St Peter's Rooms, Wednesday 4th September 7.30 pm. Tickets are £4 including refreshments and can be reserved in advance by telephoning 0115 9146645 or email

enquiries@ruddington-museum.org.uk

All funds raised will be used to support the Village Museum.

Best Kept Village Competition

The judges praised many areas of Ruddington including St Peter's Churchyard, the Parish Council Offices (St. Peter's Rooms), the War Memorial, The Green and Elms Park Playing Fields.



And, as reported in last months newsletter, the Methodist Church garden got a certificate of merit.

But, giving reasons for Ruddington missing out again on the finals the judges picked on uncut verges and the dirty phone box, over both of which the Parish Council has little control, but also commented that some private gardens were quite poor.

So after several years in the competition the Parish Council will not enter next year. The Parish Council hopes to improve on these faults and enter again when they have made progress.

By Councillor Peter McGowan

Village activities for older people

Following our August article on family activities in the village during the school holidays, we thought Ruddington's older generation might appreciate some information on what's out there to keep retired people occupied. So if you're finding yourself at a loose end and would like to try something new, why not give one (or more) of the ideas below a try?

Coffee mornings

- Wednesdays, 10 to 11am at St Peter's Rooms, for over 55s. There's a free bus available in the village. Call Lorna McCullough on 0115 921 4975 for details.
- Saturdays, 10:30am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church Hall.
- Sundays, 10am to 3pm at the Education Room (near the lake), at Rushcliffe Country Park. Tea, coffee and cakes are sold in aid of FoRCP.

Coffee and Lunch Club

- Thursdays, 10:30am to 1:15pm in the lounge at St Peter's Rooms. Meals are ordered weekly so please book in advance with Muriel Woodhead on 0115 984 5666.

Probus

The Probus organisation offers retired professional people the opportunity to meet likeminded folk, make new friends and expand their interests. Ruddington Probus Club (men only) meets every other Wednesday at Ruddington

Grange Golf Club (call Roy Boyles on 0115 921 5735 for details). Meanwhile, Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2pm in St Peter's Rooms. Please call Stella Boylin on 0115 921 2255 for information.

Women's Institute (WI)

Ruddington has a friendly and active WI, which meets regularly for interesting talks, theatre visits, arts and crafts, outings and darts. Visitors are welcome to the monthly WI meetings at St Peter's Rooms on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15pm. A craft group also meets on the first and third Thursday from 2pm to 4pm, also at St Peter's Rooms. Contact Evelyn Bedford on 0115 921 2423 for details.

Bowls, Bingo, Bridge and Scrabble

- Ruddington's Bowls Club welcomes players of all ages and experience levels. Please call Fran Dent on 0115 914 6707 and leave a message if you'd like to play.
- There's bingo for the over 60s every Monday from 1:30pm to 3pm at Peartree Orchard and also at Leys Court on Mondays and Fridays at 2pm. Call 0115 921 3128.
- The Phoenix Bridge Club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7pm to 10pm at St Peter's Rooms. Please call Ann Adkin on 0115 937 2453.
- A Scrabble group meets regularly at the Library to enjoy a game – please contact the Library for details on 0115 921 2309.



Thank you to Phil Brown, of Shaw Street, for the refurbishment of the Village Green notice board.

Council website, www.ruddingtonparishcouncil, for full details.

- Royal British Legion. Meets at St Peter's Rooms on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm. Call the Branch Secretary, Mrs M Parker, for details on 0115 984 4081.
- Western Front Association. If you're interested in the Great War, this group is for you. They meet at 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month at St Peter's Rooms. Call Mr T Chamberlain on 01949 850 086 to find out more.
- Local History & Amenity Society. The Society meets each month to hear a series of lectures that explore Ruddington's history. Meetings are held at St Peter's Rooms on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8pm from September to March.

Historical and Outdoor Interests

These include:

- Ruddington Gardeners' Association, which offers a varied and interesting meeting programmes for gardeners of all abilities. Meetings are held in the Hermitage at 7:30pm on Wednesdays – simply turn up if you'd like to be involved.
- Footpath Preservation Group. This Group organises walks on local footpaths in and around the Parish each Sunday, meeting on the Green at 2:15pm. Please see the Parish

Nothing take your fancy?

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to activities in and around Ruddington for retired or older people! Please visit the Parish Council website, www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk, to find out more about the wealth of activities, facilities, clubs and organisations our village has to offer.

By Faye Stenson

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

Residents' Parking Schemes

The main intended advantage of a Residents' Parking Scheme is that it will keep out parked vehicles not belonging to residents.

This is a problem for parts of Ruddington where shoppers and commuters line the kerbside. A 'controlled parking zone' favours residents but it is not guaranteed and it comes at a cost.

Residents in a controlled zone do require a permit which can only be issued by the Highways Authority. Visitors also require a permit; typically a household will have one visitor permit. The 'controlled' bays are marked out and time plates erected.



There is much interest in Ruddington for schemes, and the likelihood of more parking restrictions in the village centre will inevitably increase demand for residents' parking to be controlled.

A Residents' Parking Scheme is a type of traffic regulation order established via a process involving consultation, advertising and publicity. A residents' petition is usually the first step.

If you are interested in the idea we have an information sheet which is strongly recommended. You can obtain a copy from our website and look under 'Around and about' then 'Transport', or by contacting the Parish Council Office (see front page) or by calling in 9.30 – 12.30 Monday –Friday.

By Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Policing

Our PCSO, Vee White, says:

"The village has been victim to a few burglaries at dwellings in the last month. In the hot weather houses have been entered via insecure doors and windows, and householders should be aware that it only takes seconds for an opportunist thief to check and enter an insecure door or window and steal items. Please make sure your doors, windows and outbuildings are closed and locked.



Another concern is the number of thefts of vehicles, where thieves get in through ground floor windows, take car keys and then steal the vehicle from the premises."

Contact:

DIAL 101 for non emergencies

PCSO Vee White 07702 141 778

PCSO Jonny Wilkinson. 07525 226 593

In an emergency ring 999

1st Birthday Celebrations at Rushcliffe Parkrun

At 9am every Saturday, come rain or shine about 120 runners and joggers, many from Ruddington, enjoy a free, timed 5k run around our own Rushcliffe Country Park. It's called parkrun, with the start and finish line by the lake and 2 laps of the park in-between.

It is nearly a year since the first parkrun at Rushcliffe and there will be a few celebrations on Saturday October 5th to mark the 1st birthday. Look out for more details on the news page of the website (<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/rushcliffe/news/>), or follow on facebook (Rushcliffe parkrun) or Twitter (@rushcliffepr).

Rushcliffe parkrun is now one of over 200 events held each week all around the world, with over 40,000 participants



every week. parkrun is open to everyone, free and safe, and easy to take part in. People of all abilities are encouraged to take part - from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians - from juniors to those with more experience - all are welcome.

If you are not one of the 1,500 runners and joggers who have already enjoyed parkrun at Rushcliffe since the first event last October, all you have to do to participate is go to www.parkrun.org.uk and follow the links to sign up. At the end of signing up you print off your bar code and bring it along any Saturday morning – and run/jog 5k!

Community Toilet Scheme

Ruddington Parish Council is keen to see toilet facilities in the village and at the most recent meeting with businesses we proposed a community toilet scheme.

Under this, shoppers can use designated facilities in premises advertising that a community toilet is available and the Parish Council will promote the scheme through advertising and the provision of window and door signs.

As well as providing toilet facilities in a cost effective way, the scheme will help to promote and sustain the many shops, cafes and restaurants existing in Ruddington. Spending a penny may lead to spending a few pounds!

There has already been interest registered by some businesses but there is time for more to come forward.

Please contact the Clerk on 0115 914 6660 or email the Parish Council office (see front page) if you want to join in.

By Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Parish Council Vacancy

A reminder that the deadline for applications to fill the vacancy for parish councillor is 9th September.

A panel of parish councillors will meet on 17th September to interview applicants (open to the public). The final decision will be made at Parish Council on 24th September.

There are some legal requirements that need to be met so before you apply please contact the Clerk.

Doing something for nature

The past ten years has seen a boom in setting up of nature reserves in Rushcliffe and the primary driver for this is community action by local people.

In addition to the groups supporting Bunny Wood, Wilwell Farm Cutting and Wilford Claypits, there have been Friends Groups set up to look after Bingham Linear Park, Sharpill Wood, The Hook at Ladybay, The Green Line in West Bridgford and Gotham Sandbanks.

What many people don't realise is that nature conservation is often the reverse of gardening - most work is done in the winter and high fertility (which encourages the most vigorous plants at the expense of the less so) is regarded as a bad thing,

So autumn is coming and all these sites will be starting their winter works programme and YOU can help.

Two or three hours of your time per month can help maintain the biodiversity value of these sites, get you fresh air and exercise and perhaps make new friends and learn new skills.

Cutting down scrub, coppicing, clearing ponds, cutting grass and maintaining infrastructure the nature of the work varies from site to site.

It really can help make a difference, last year volunteers across Rushcliffe contributed some 6,600 hours of practical conservation work (equivalent to about four full time staff - a resource that simply could not be funded). If you want to know more please go to www.southnottswildlife.org.uk/reserves/work_parties.html for contact details.

All these groups will welcome your support, so get out there and get your hands dirty.

But in addition volunteers warden reserves, run management committees and fund raise so if you prefer something less physical then there are still great opportunities to get involved.

Classic cars come to GCRN

Our local heritage railway is hosting an event with a difference on Sunday 8



September, as up to 100 TVR sports cars descend on the GCRN site in Rushcliffe Country Park.

A much-loved British sports car, the TVR was first built in Blackpool in 1947, where the company was based until commercial production ceased in 2006. The event at GCRN will bring together a host of models showcasing the TVR's history and celebrating British craftsmanship at its best. Heritage steam or diesel train services will also be running on the day.

By Faye Stenson

If you would like something included in the Village newsletter please talk to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk. The copy deadline for the October edition is Wednesday 18th September.

Ruddington Diary - Continued

Tuesday 24th September

Parish Council Meeting - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7pm.

28th & 29th September

Autumn Diesel Gala at GCRN.- Our autumn diesel event provides the opportunity to sample our diesel locomotive collection together with the autumn colours and landscape that become truly picturesque at this time of year. The Miniature railway collection includes prototypes and examples of locomotives that have escaped the preservationists of full types. See www.GCRN.co.uk for details.

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Tuesday 1st October

Parish Plan Meeting – To discuss having a parish plan for Ruddington. St. Peter's Rooms at 7.00 pm.

Sunday 6th October

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Hickling Circular including a stretch of Grantham. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

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

Tuesday 8th October

Amenities Committee - meeting at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7pm.

Wednesday 9th October

Ruddington W.I. – you are invited to "St. Pancras" by Nigel Lowey, there will be an exhibition themed "A Ticket to Ride" commencing at 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 12th October

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.

Tuesday 15th October

Environment Committee - meeting at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7pm.

Sunday 20th October

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

And Finally



Grenay visitors at Nottingham Castle

Ruddington Diary

September 2013

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Monday 2nd September

Stay & Play Summer Session at Hermitage Preschool, 10am to 11.30am at the Hermitage. Ages between 0 years to 5 years old, £1.50 per older siblings welcomed.

Tuesday 3rd September

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

Wednesday 4th September

From Trainee to East Midlands Today Regional News Reporting for the BBC a talk by Carol Hinds, at St Peter's Rooms. Tickets can be reserved in advance by telephoning 0115 9146645 or email enquiries@ruddington-museum.org.uk

Sunday 8 September:

TVRCC 80s extravaganza at GCRN. See main article.

Tuesday 10th September

Finance & Policy Committee – meeting at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7pm.

Ruddington Community Choir – 8 – 9.30 at the Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 11th September

Ruddington W.I. – you are invited to the "Story of the Pantomime" by Phil Holmes, there will be an exhibition themed "An Old Pantomime

Programme" commencing at 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 12th September

Ruddington & District Ladies Proboscis Club - Annual general meeting at St. Peters Rooms 2pm to 4pm.

Saturday 14th September

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.

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September: Heritage Open Days at the Framework Knitters' Museum. See www.frameworkknitters.org.uk for details.

Sunday 15th September

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

Monday 16th September

The Alpha Course "Ruddington Churches Together" invite you to a 10 week course to explore the meaning of life – is there more to life than what we see and do? To be held in The Hermitage, Monday evenings, 7.30-9.30, commencing Monday 16th September 2013. Come and join us for a meal, a presentation and a discussion. All very informal. For further information and / or to book yourself on the course please contact Dorothy Houghton on 0115 9147108 or Jane Oldfield on 07967 443463 or via email : ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk "

Friday 20th September

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

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