

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Ruddington Roads Closed for Resurfacing Saturday 29th March to Sunday 13th April.

The roads in the centre of Ruddington are being resurfaced from Saturday 29th March until Sunday 13th April.

This will clearly cause disruption. Full details are on the Parish Council website www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk or in the Parish Council office.

Looking at the maps the following roads are being resurfaced. Please check the details for yourself:

Wilford Road:

from Clifton Road to Easthorpe Street.

Easthorpe Street:

from High Street to Rufford Road.

Church Street:

From High Street to ShawStreet/
Parkyns Street.

High Street:

From Easthorpe Street to Parkyns Street.

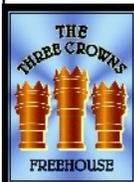


Different roads are closed on different days and, at times, it will not be possible to drive straight from one side of Ruddington to the other.

Buses will also be affected. The bus companies have not yet released details of revised route and timetables.

Please check the details yourself to make sure you can make the journeys you planned.

The Village Newsletter is sponsored this month by:



**The 3 Crowns &
The 3 Spices
Easthorpe Street**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Part 3 of our Easy Guide to the Parish Council

Have you ever been to a Parish Council meeting? Do you know what happens at these meetings? I want to take the lid off the mystery of council meetings and the procedures that take place.

Any member of the public can attend a council or committee meeting and will be made very welcome. In the new council year (from May), the Council will have two committees: 'Amenities' will deal with premises, cemeteries, play areas, playing fields, pavilions, etc. 'Environment & Policy' will deal with traffic, communication, the general look and feel of the village along with the administrative aspects of the Parish Council.

At a meeting, councillors can only make decisions (resolutions) on issues that have been included on the agenda – in this way, members of the public are given notice of what is happening and have an opportunity to air their own views. Agendas are published about 5 days before the meeting and you can see them on the website although additional information can be obtained from the Parish Council Office. If you have a view about something on the agenda, you can turn up to the meeting and have your say during the break in proceedings (the adjournment) so that councillors can take your comments in to account when discussing the item.

Planning issues regularly cause concern for residents and whilst Rushcliffe BC makes the final decision on planning applications, the Parish Council is asked to send in its own

recommendations. Your comments might make a difference to these recommendations – it's up to you!

Unfortunately, councillors are not able to make decisions on items which are not on the agenda so if you have a 'burning' issue that you feel is important, it is best to speak to your ward councillor or write to/speak to the Parish Council office and ask if it is suitable to be included on a future agenda. It might be that the issue can be sorted out without going to committee / council, or it might be that another authority is responsible for that issue – the Clerk can help with this.

Occasionally, there is an item on the agenda which calls for members of the press and public to be excluded whilst it is discussed, however, the result of any discussion will be included in the minutes although personal information may be withheld.

Once you have attended a meeting, you **might** find that it is more interesting than you first thought. You **might** feel that you could contribute even more in the future and as a result, **might** wish to stand for election or co-option at some point in the future. **What have you got to lose?**

The dates and times of Parish Council and Committee meetings are published on the website, along with agendas and minutes. Your Parish Council is not a secret society, not just for a select few, not just for people with experience of local government - come along and see for yourself.

(Linda Cooke)

Next month – Part 4: The Parish Council Office

Our Skaters in Sochi

Sadly the Winter Olympics in Russia finished without a medal for Ruddington ice dancer Penny Coomes and her partner Nick Buckland.

After winning the British Championships for the last three years, and then the Bronze medal at the 2014 European Championships in Budapest, they were on a high heading to Sochi. But, speaking to the Ruddington Village Newsletter before the trip, Penny was being realistic about what they could achieve this time against more experienced, world class competition: *"We are hoping to prove ourselves this year as contenders for a medal in 2018."*



As it turned out, the duo did themselves and Team GB proud – with a very respectable tenth place overall – ten places higher than they achieved at their first Winter Olympics four years ago in Vancouver. And many fans thought they deserved to have done even better after their three impressive routines – including their show stopping free skate to a medley of Michael Jackson songs.

Afterwards Penny Tweeted: *"Just want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us! I have the best*

family and friends in the world! Love you all!!! ... This week I got (to) live my dream!"

She and Nick also added a special word of thanks to their Nottingham dance choreographer Gareth Woodward *"for teaching us our Michael Jackson moves!! We loved it!!"*

By Graham Wright

Framework Knitters expansion appeal

An exciting opportunity has arisen to dramatically expand the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street – but it won't be possible without your help!

The two 19th century cottages that currently split the museum buildings into two separate sites have come up for sale, presenting a unique chance to transform the museum and improve what it can offer to visitors. And the museum has recently launched a fundraising campaign in a bid to raise the money needed to buy the two cottages.

Bringing the buildings together will enable the museum to create new exhibition spaces, host bigger events, develop a designated educational resource and provide a fitting home for their textile collection. In short, allowing the Framework Knitters Museum to finally do justice to Nottingham's rich textile heritage and the fascinating story of the industry's workforce.

You can find out more about the museum's expansion plans and make a donation [online](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk) at www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk or call 0115 984 6914.

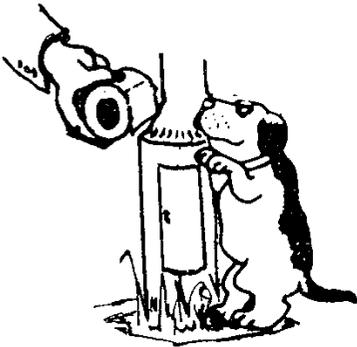
By Faye Stenson

Modernising Ruddington Post Office

You may have noticed that the Post Office in Ruddington is closed. It is planned to open again on Monday 10th March as a new main style branch and will have longer opening hours.

Remove Unacceptable Dog Dirt (RUDD)

During March the Parish Council will be running a campaign to try and tackle the issue of unacceptable dog dirt around the village. Part of the campaign will celebrate “responsible owners” by encouraging their dogs to nominate them. The names of the nominating dogs will be entered into a prize draw to win some doggie goodies!



On Saturday, March 8th there will be a stall in the Co-op explaining what the campaign is about and entry forms will be available then.

Pasture Lane Update

On 21st January, Rushcliffe Borough Council approved the planning application by Bellway Homes to build 102 houses on Pasture Lane but there is a long list of conditions attached to this application. Of course, much has been made of the flood risk and building work

has to comply with specific conditions to prevent problems.

Residents who were concerned about the risk to wildlife in the area will be interested to read that the builder is to install “bat boxes and/or access to roosts” which are to be permanently retained. They are also required to protect hedges and trees which are to be retained and protect the adjoining Local Wildlife Site. Before 30 properties are occupied, the builder must install a mini-roundabout at the junction of Clifton Road and Wilford Road, along with ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions.

But it doesn't stop there. In the ‘Section 106’ Legal Agreement, £40,000 will be put towards the construction of a new footpath to run parallel with Clifton Road, linking Pasture Lane with Old Station Road. There is money available for improvements to primary schools, secondary schools and other facilities, and even Ruddington Library will benefit from £4,000 to replenish stock levels. View the documents in full on line on the Rushcliffe Borough Council site (application number 12/01199/FUL) or call in to the Parish Council Office.

By Linda Cooke

Charity Zumbathon

Village resident Catherine Bell is organising a three hour Charity Zumbathon in aid of UNIQUE, a rare chromosome disorder charity. Catherine, 34, wants to raise awareness of the condition, which has left her three year old daughter, Georgia, with a shortage of chromosomes.

The Charity Zumbathon will be held at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 29 March, from 2pm until 5pm. Catherine is hoping that up to 150 zumba dancers will join her in her efforts to raise money for

UNIQUE. It costs £10 to take part and dancers are also encouraging to seek their own sponsorship from friends and family. And whilst the session itself lasts three hours, participants can join in as much or as little as they like.

You can buy your ticket and get a sponsor form by calling Catherine on 07967 975 220 or emailing bell.catherine1@sky.com. Tickets are also available in advance and on the day (numbers permitting) from Rucshcliffe Leisure Centre Reception.

By Faye Stenson

New Year's Eve Fancy Dress and Fund Raiser

A good night was had by all at the New Year's Eve fancy dress party at the Three Crowns. John Noble & Max Harman who run the pub, charged £5 per ticket entrance fee on the night and 120 tickets were sold.



A Cash Prize Draw took place and £120 was won by Melanie Holme who was delighted and said she hadn't won anything since she was 7 years old. £120.00 was donated to the St Mary's Community Park Fund, and the final £3.00 was refunded off the first drink purchased on the night. John and Max also provided a light buffet throughout the night for everyone to enjoy.

Oriel Sufrini (shown on the far right hand side of the photo) was voted "best fancy dress of the night" winner and took away a bottle of Champagne.

John and Max are keen supporters of the Ruddington Community; they are already organising further events in the village including a raffle over the Easter period where all proceeds will be donated to the St Mary's Community Park project.

By Cllr Marilyn Robinson

Concert at Ruddington Methodist Church

The Ruddington Community Choir make a welcome return to the Methodist Church with a concert on Saturday 29th March 2014 starting at 2.30 pm. Tickets cost £6 each (including light refreshments). Contact 0115 984 5375 or 0115 921 2229. The proceeds from the concert are to be split equally between the Framework Knitters Museum and Ruddington Methodist Church funds.

Meeting with Businesses

Tuesday 4th March, 6 p.m. at St. Peter's Rooms. Parish Council meet with local businesses to discuss issues of concern and how to promote Ruddington as an attractive place in which to live and work, and as a destination to visit. Starting with Sandwiches, nibbles, wine, tea and coffee.

Edith Dring

We are pleased to inform you that £194.15 was raised from donations at Edith's funeral for the Red Cross, local branch who loan out equipment. Thank you for all your support.

Jackie and Serena.

Heart Felt Thanks from the Lamberts

The Lambert family (Mark, Marissa, Rupert, Gretel & Gulliver) would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved in supporting the British Heart Foundations Ramp Up the Red campaign on Friday the 7th of February. Gretel played a key role in the advertising of this national campaign - you may have seen Gretel and Mark dressed up as red dragons in the advert!

In total as a family we raised around £3,000 and we were supported fantastically by the Ruddington local community, in particular the Hermitage Preschool, James Peacock Infant & Nursery School, Saul Isaacs Photography, Martin's Barbers, McArtney's, Rushcliffe Leisure Centre, Summers at Eleven, Clifton Royal Mail sorting office, The Honeycomb, Little P's toddler group, Nappuccinos & Philos.

Thank you Ruddington for Ramping up the Red with us!

Bellydancers at Framework Knitters

Local residents will be wowed by free performances from a Ruddington belly dancing school on Saturday 29 March, in a quirky, and unusual, fundraising activity organized for the Framework Knitters Museum's 'Links, Loops and Luddites' expansion appeal.

Ruddington Belly Dancing, who meet in the museum's former chapel, were the brains behind this exciting idea. On the evening of Saturday 29 March their dancers will be treating the customers of bars and restaurants in Ruddington to a whole sequence of fun and imaginative, yet family-friendly,

performances. There will also be a collecting bucket in tow, and customers, and venues, can be assured that any spare change that they throw in will go straight to the Framework Knitters Museum's appeal to finance a desperately needed expansion.



Paul Baker, Museum Manager, said 'The Framework Knitters Museum is an independent museum with a big vision. This is one of a whole programme of fundraising events arranged as part of the museum's major fundraising project for its redevelopment plans and we are very excited to be working with Ruddington Belly Dancers in what we're sure is a first for Rushcliffe.'

For more information contact Paul Baker, Museum Manager – tel 0115 9846914 or email rfwk-mus@btconnect.com.

Energy Event in Ruddington

A free Energy Event will be held on Wednesday 19th March from 7 – 9 pm, at the Framework Knitters Museum (in the Old Chapel, Chapel Street, Ruddington, NG11 6HE). The event is designed to help provide information to local residents on ways to improve

energy efficiency in the home and funding that may be available to help. To book a place on the event, or to find out more about getting involved with Ruddington Energy, please email: ruddington.energy@gmail.com or phone 07545549388. The event can also be found on: www.eventbrite.co.uk (Search for 'Energy Event - ways to save energy and grants that might help').

Your Village Needs You!

At the end of last year a small group of villagers, assisted by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, set up a Steering Group to facilitate the establishment of a "Ruddington Village Plan".

This will identify key concerns and areas of interest to villagers, and will be used, for example, to support grant applications, query planning applications and to help Local Government bodies identify the wants and needs of our community.

In order to fully identify what our village wants, we need the help of you, the Villagers. If you have a particular area of interest e.g. young people, transport, law and order, local businesses etc., or if you are able to help out in any other way by, for example, assisting us to compile and distribute questionnaires, we would like your help.

We also need to establish an identity for the plan and, to this end, we are inviting all villagers, young and old, to design a logo for the plan, which should be based around the letters "RVP".

This is your opportunity to have say in the future of your village, so let's all grab it with both hands!

We can be contacted by e-mail on VillagePlan@RuddingtonParishCouncil

[.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Or why not visit our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RuddVP> or Tweet us @RuddingtonVP via <https://twitter.com/RuddingtonVP>.

By Alison Ritchie

Groundstaff Nomination

The Parish Council's Senior Groundsman has been nominated for Notts F.A.'s Groundsman of the Year award. Ruddington Village FC put Chris Churches forward for the award to acknowledge the effort put in to keep the 6 pitches in tip top condition and playable even during this very wet season.

He was interviewed by a representative from the Football Association and the stadium manager from Notts. County Football Club and is waiting to hear their decision.



Chris, his assistant groundsman Scott Evans and seasonal worker Steve Mills, are not only responsible for the football pitches, but also for the cricket wickets, bowling green, cemeteries, play areas and numerous open spaces including the Green and the War Memorial. (Picture – Chris on right, Scott on left)

By Linda Cooke

Parish Council Keeps Costs Down

The Parish Council has kept the increase in the Precept (part of the Council Tax) to 3%. For most people this will mean an increase of under £3 for the year.

The Government has brought in new arrangements for making Council Tax Benefit local (the Council Tax Reduction Scheme) which means that the Parish Council loses over £25,000 a year in the long term. This would have meant a 10% increase in the precept even before inflation.

Councillor Nick Tegerdine, Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee, said "The Parish Council has done well to keep the increase so low, especially with the loss of income due to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. We have brought the budget into balance with only minimal cuts in services. This has been possible largely because of the efficiency savings that have been made by cutting costs in gas, electricity, banking, photocopying and rates."

Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Peter McGowan, said "I am really pleased that good housekeeping has meant that Ruddington Parish Council can keep our charges down at a time when many people are struggling".

Rushcliffe School

Congratulations go to Rushcliffe School who recently won the 2013 Nottinghamshire Sporting School of the year award. Rushcliffe School's ethos is "everyone will be given the chance to shine brightly" and as the school is the one attended by a lot of our village 11-18 year olds we are sure they are equally proud of the achievement.

The school works very closely with their feeder schools (this includes our own St Peter's School) through annual dance events and other sports festivals. Sports leaders are trained in year 10 to lead these, working brilliantly with the younger pupils who get a really good taste of what they have to look forward to when they move to Rushcliffe School at the age of 11.

A huge 'well done' to all involved for the success.

By Barbara Breakwell

WI 90th

Ruddington WI celebrated their 90th birthday on February 12th. A good time was had by all. They donated £1,000 towards the projection equipment at St. Peter's Rooms which is available for use by groups hiring the rooms.



Councillor Peter McGowan, Chairman of the Parish Council, received the cheque and thanked the WI for their generosity, not just for this gift but also for the other contributions to Ruddington over the years.

Junior Park Run a runaway success

A new outdoor activity for kids came to Ruddington on Sunday 2 February when the first ever Junior parkrun was held at Rushcliffe Country Park. The free weekly event was launched due to popular demand from local kids, in the wake of the successful adult parkrun which came to the village last summer.

And an impressive 118 young people turned up for the inaugural 2km timed run around the Country Park, which was officially started at 9am by the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Brian Buschman.



The runners, which included members of several local athletics clubs, enjoyed a two lap run around the Park's 1km course, setting some impressive times with the top boy and girl achieving 7 minutes 38 seconds and 7 minutes 46 seconds respectively. After the run, everyone enjoyed drinks and cakes in the Warden's Room, kindly provided by volunteers.

Parkrun is a national organisation that arranges free, weekly timed runs in parkland surroundings across the UK. Junior parkrun is open to youngsters aged from 4 to 14. All abilities are welcome, but anyone wishing to take

part must register in advance to print off their unique barcode and receive an official time after the race.

By Faye Stenson

You can register online and find out more about both parkrun and Junior parkrun at www.parkrun.org.

Happy Birthday Newsletter

Did you notice? This is **Issue 50** of the Ruddington Village Newsletter. It was in July 2009 when a few councillors and Parish Council staff, undertook a survey of shoppers asking whether you wanted a replacement for the Rudd. It was a unanimous 'yes please' and the Environment and Community Committee gave permission for us to produce a 4-page, black and white edition. Its popularity has grown and grown with more than 1,100 copies picked up every month and is now a 12-page, full colour Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who contributes, produces, reads, circulates and supports this local paper. Long may it continue.

By Linda Cooke

Save the Date.....

On Sunday May 4th there will be a May Bank Holiday Charity Fun Day at the GCRN, Mere Way, Ruddington. Entrance prices include a Steam Train Ride. There will be other attractions and fun for all the family. You can book online at www.gcrn.co.uk .or see leaflets/ posters around the village.

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

Dutton's Hill Parking

Numerous queries have been received - asking just why there aren't double yellow lines all the way down Dutton's Hill.

Nottinghamshire County Council, being the local highway authority, has been approached for comment. They provided the following statement:-

"Double yellow lines over the length of Dutton's Hill have been the subject of previous proposals / objections. Whilst appearing to offer an immediate solution to the congestion which occurs, it remains the case that;

- The effect of parking is to provide some measure of "natural traffic calming". Many drivers will inevitably increase speed when familiar with the idea of there being free passage beyond the area of restricted visibility. Something which might reasonably cause concern in other quarters.*
- Drivers' naturally choose routes to try and minimise delays. At present, a certain amount of "through traffic" will be discouraged from using Dutton's Hill on the basis of the problems cited (i.e. outside of those times when it is naturally busy with commuter traffic). This is likely to include non-essential HGV traffic.*
- Competing demands exist for the local area. The removal of parking will undoubtedly attract opposition from local businesses".*

Policing

Our PCSO, Vee, says "Local Residents/Businesses may have noticed the Police operation signs around the village, this is due to a slight increase in dwelling house burglaries in the recent months.



The Ruddington Policing Team is conducting high visibility patrols in the area. And encouraging residents to sign up to Neighbourhood Alert.

Neighbourhood Alert is a free system that allows Nottinghamshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other organisations that work with the public to send community safety messages to you quickly and efficiently via email.

If you would like updates about major incidents, advice on crime prevention, community safety and alerts about criminals operating in your area, you can contact us and we will sign you up".

Contact:

DIAL 101 for non-emergencies
PC2465 Steven Butler 07702 141 975
PCSO Vee White 07702 141 778
PCSO Jonny Wilkinson. 07525 226 593

In an emergency ring 999

If you would like something included in the Village newsletter please talk to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The copy deadline for the May edition is 15th April.

Ruddington Diary - Continued

Wednesday 19th March

Ruddington District Probus Club
- AGM. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon

Energy Event - Ways to save energy and grants that might help at Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum, between 7pm & 9pm. This is a free event to book a place see website www.eventbrite.co.uk or contact Ruddington Energy on 07545 549 388, email ruddington.energy@gmail.com

Thursday 20th March

Action On Hearing Loss - Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our **FREE** walk-in hearing aid clinic. St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Ruddington W.I. - Craft and social meeting, in the Lounge in St. Peter's Rooms 2pm till 4pm.

Thursday 20th March

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting - St. Peter's Rooms 6.30pm to 7.15pm

Friday 21st March

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

Wednesday 26th March

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - An illustrated lecture entitled "Wildlife in your Garden" by Steve Lovell, followed by complimentary refreshments. The Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

Saturday 29th March

Ruddington Community Choir - performing a concert in the Methodist Church starting at 2.30pm. Tickets £6, contact 0115 984 5375 or 0115 921 2229.

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Tuesday 1st April

Annual Parish Meeting - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 2nd April

Ruddington District Probus Club
- Police and Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 3rd April

Ruddington W.I. - Craft and social meeting, in the Lounge in St. Peter's Rooms 2pm till 4pm.

Framework Knitters Museum - "R marks the Spot - Filming the Search for Richard III. At 7.30pm Old Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets £6. Contact the Museum or Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

Sunday 6th April

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 organised. Normanton-on-the-Wolds to Cotgrave Forest. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 8th April

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in the Ruddington Library. Have fun with your little ones for under 5's and meet other parents and make new friends. The sessions are free and no booking required. Call 0115 9212309 for more information.

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

Wednesday 9th April

Ruddington W.I. - Annual Meeting, choose the team to run your WI! At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

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Tuesday 4th March

Meeting with Businesses - Ruddington Parish Council invites all local businesses to a meeting at St. Peter's Rooms to discuss local issues. A light buffet will be served at 6pm, the meeting starting at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 5th March

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

Ruddington District Probus Club - UK Enigma exposed. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon

Thursday 6th March

Ruddington W.I. - Craft and social meeting, in the Lounge in St. Peter's Rooms 2pm till 4pm.

Notts Wildlife Trust - "A Naturalist in Scotland's Highlands and Islands" talk by Dr. David Glynn Fox. At West Bridgford Methodist Church from 7.30pm. Admission fee £2.50, children free.

Saturday 8th March

Parish Council Surgery - 10am to 12noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

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Wednesday 12th March

Ruddington W.I. - "Simple Ingredients Amazing Results". At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 13th March

Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club - Members afternoon, 2pm at the Methodist Church

Sunday 16th March

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

Tuesday 18th March

Environment Committee - at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

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