

# Ruddington Parish Council

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

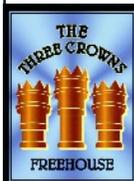
### St. Peter's Girls Get to National Semi – Final

On Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> the Under 12, girls 7 a side football team from St Peter's School and their supporters went to the English School's Football Association National Finals at Aston Villa.

They managed to get through to the semi finals and took their game to extra time where they unfortunately lost 1-0. We congratulate the girls for their amazing effort leading up to this occasion and trust they are as proud of themselves as we are of them.



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## New Houses?

The Parish Council has been approached by an agent representing a developer who is **proposing** a development of 250 houses on land off Asher Lane (The area behind Musters Road/ Western Fields).

They want to present their **proposals** to the Parish Council in August when they have more details and have a draft proposal.

As a Council we do not meet formally during August but do allocate dates for Planning meetings should any planning applications require attention during that period.

They have requested permission to attend the planned meeting on

**Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

**at St Peter's Rooms**

to share their proposals. This has been agreed.

Can we stress that this is a **proposal** at this stage and we have no further specific information to date.

If and when they submit a planning application to Rushcliffe Borough Council there is a set process that has to be undertaken e.g. formal notification, consultation etc.

All Council meetings are open to the public and we offer this information for your consideration.

*(Footnote: Rushcliffe Borough Council has now confirmed that the 102 houses which are due to be built on Pasture Lane, do NOT form part of the 250 houses proposed for Ruddington.)*

## St Mary's Community Park Project

We would like to say thank you to Max & John at the Three Crowns for hosting a raffle which was drawn on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and raised over £600 for the St Mary's Community Park Project. Thanks also to all the local businesses that donated raffle prizes and to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

Further fund raising is being planned throughout the year as more money needs to be raised, so please keep an eye open around the village and on Facebook for the dates of the events.

This is a very worthwhile project that will benefit all who live in the village your support is needed and is greatly appreciated.

*Councillors Annette Auckland & Marilyn Robinson*

## Nikki Herbison

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the sudden and unexpected passing of our dear friend and Chair of St Marys Community Park Project, Nikki Herbison.

Nikki brought huge enthusiasm and drive to the project and her sheer determination has got the project to where we are today.

We will miss her greatly but we are determined to continue the hard work as we know she wouldn't want us to give up.

Nikki leaves behind a husband and 2 young sons and all are thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

*St Marys Community Park Committee*

## Santander Agency to Close

Ruddington Business Centre customers received an unwelcome letter from Santander in the post back in February informing them that “later this year we will stop providing Santander banking services” in the village.

The agency closure at A M Girling & Co Accountants is apparently in line with a new Santander directive to shut ALL its UK agencies this year.



It is likely to be a particular blow to its older customers who are not able, or unwilling, to access online or telephone banking. Less mobile clients may also be unable to travel to the nearest main branches in West Bridgford or Nottingham city centre.

This follows the HSBC Bank branch closure in Ruddington four years' ago which led to many of its customers switching to Santander instead! Our local Santander agency will cease trading at the end of next month.

After first taking over the Bradford and Bingley agency in the village in 2004, operating from premises in 13 High Street, Santander then moved along to 11 High Street in 2006.

Girling & Co Accountants, the other separate business that operates from the site, remains unaffected. They told us “It is hoped that a suitable replacement banking agency provider can be found. The owners of the Business Centre, accountants Andrew & Adam Girling, would like to thank all customers for their support.”

Meantime the Santander agency will continue to operate as normal up until 12 noon on the 28th of July 2014.

*By Graham Wright*

## Action on Stroke

Did you know that May was the Stroke Association's Action on Stroke Month? Neither did I, but my attention was brought to it by an interview that Mark Dennison did on his Radio Nottingham show early in the month. He was talking to Ali Jackson who many of you know as she works in the Parish Council Office and whose husband, Paul, had a stroke a few weeks earlier.

Their lives, and the lives of people around them, changed dramatically when Paul had an 'episode' while driving. To cut a long story short, it was the following day before they realised that something was very wrong and despite only being in his 40's, Paul was diagnosed as having had a 'mini' stroke otherwise known as a TIA (transient ischaemic attack).

They want to make sure everyone considers the possibility of stroke when someone's behaviour suddenly seems strange. Remember the **FAST** test from the television advertisement: **F**acial weakness, **A**rm weakness, **S**peech problems – **T**ime to call 999. And get well soon Paul.

*By Linda Cooke*

## Fun in the Sun at GCRN

Hundreds of local people turned out to a Family Fun Day in glorious spring weather on Sunday 4 May at GCRN's Heritage Railway Centre in Rushcliffe Country Park.

Organised in conjunction with Nottinghamshire Freemasons, the Fun Day was about involving community organisations and traders, and was also a fundraiser for GCRN and other local charities including Headway, a well-regarded Nottingham based organisation which helps people improve their lives after sustaining brain injuries.

Around 500 people descended on the Heritage Railway Centre to enjoy a wide range of activities and attractions. Ticket prices included rides on GCRN's steam train service to and from Loughborough, and trips to Clifton and Rushcliffe Halt on heritage buses owned by their road transport division.

Equally popular was a miniature railway and an impressive display of vintage and classic cars and motorbikes, brought along by local enthusiasts. The Fun Day also featured a wide selection of stalls manned by charities and organisations including Nottinghamshire Freemasons, Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue, Riding for the Disabled, Ruddington Gardeners' Association and Rushcliffe Play Forum.

There was no danger of anyone going hungry or thirsty, with a selection of food and drink on offer including burgers, hot dogs, doughnuts, tea and coffee and a tempting choice of home-made cakes. Local hostelry The Three Crowns also provided a bar service which grew increasingly busy as the sun made its presence felt.

At midday, the Fun Day was officially opened by Dominic Heale, the well-known presenter of East Midlands Today, who also judged a painting competition with entries submitted by children at James Peacock School. After his official duties were over, Dominic took a walk around the stands to chat to stallholders and try his hand at some of the activities.



*'It was a hugely enjoyable day for everyone involved,'* said Graham Riche, Charity Steward for Nottinghamshire Mark Masons, and one of the event organisers. *'We raised more about £4,000 for Headway and other charities and gave hundreds of local people a fantastic day out in the sun.'*

*'I'd like to thank all the stallholders and exhibitors – especially Terry Beaven who ran the burger and doughnut stands, and Max and John from The Three Crowns who stepped in at the last minute to run the bar – and everyone who joined us on the day.'*

Local freemasons distribute over £200,000 a year to local organisations and charities. Anyone who would like to know more about freemasonry or any organisation seeking support can contact Graham Riche on 07786 226 109.

*By Faye Stenson*

## The Noise

The Noise will be taking place in Ruddington on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July. The churches in Ruddington bring together volunteers of all ages to tackle some of Ruddington's needs. Last year over 30 projects were completed including garden clearing, interior painting and shed painting with approximately 100 volunteers taking part.

If you know of anyone who is unable to carry out these sort of tasks for themselves (such as a pensioner or unwell community member) then please let the project know. Also, if you would like to take part as a volunteer please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please contact Chris Seager, Youth Worker at Ruddington Baptist Church on 0793 818 7675 or e mail at [seager13@gmail.com](mailto:seager13@gmail.com)

Further details about the project are on [www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk](http://www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk)

*By Barbara Breakwell*

## Look After Your Bike.

In recent weeks cyclists who have left bikes outside supermarkets, libraries, leisure centres and gyms in the Rushcliffe area have been targeted by thieves, even when they are locked up!

Sheds and garages have also been broken into and once again bikes appear to be the target.

The advice is to secure bikes at all times, preferably with a D lock (which apparently are harder to break) Also, make sure sheds and garages are **always** locked/ padlocked or ideally alarmed.

If you see anything suspicious contact the police.

## New Wheels for Community Bus

The Inner Wheel Association of Great Britain and Ireland is 90 years old this year and to mark the anniversary all Inner Wheel Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland were encouraged to provide something to do with a wheeled item for a charity within their own area during this year.

The Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Keyworth and Ruddington - led by President Gill Biddulph - came up with various ideas but the one that really covered both villages and others too was the Community Bus.

As the Community Bus Charity now receives no funding from Rushcliffe Borough Council the donation of four new tyres from the Inner Wheel Club has been very well received.



Pictured: President Gill Biddulph with the Chairman of the Community Bus Charity Mr Derek Gee, Inner Wheel District Chairman Carole O'Connor (Member of the Inner Wheel Club of Keyworth and Ruddington) and Club Members June Turney and Polly Calow.

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# Ruddington Diary

## JUNE 2014

### Sunday 1st June

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

### Sunday 1st June

**Footpaths Walk** - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group organised. Kinoulton Circular including Grantham Canal. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

### Wednesday 4th June

**Ruddington District Probus Club** - Music from the Victorian Parlour - Mechanical Instruments. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

### Saturday 7th June

**Ruddington and District Choral Society** - are holding a Summer Concert in St Peter's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £9 in advance or £10 on the door, including refreshments. Available from Perkins Hardware, Pat on 0115 921 1451 or other choir members.

### Tuesday 10th June

**Rattle, Rhyme and Roll** - in the Ruddington Library 11am to 11.30am. 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 921 2309 for more information.

### Tuesday 10th June

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

### Tuesday 10th June

**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.

### Thursday 12th June

**Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club** - Joy Parsons "Tai Chi for the over 50's", 2pm at the Methodist Church

### Friday 13th June

**Ruddington W.I.** - "Relay Baton" and afternoon tea, at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm.

### Friday 13th June

**Framework Knitters Museum** - "St. Ann's Allotments: Nottingham's Unique Heritage Gardens. At 7.30pm Old Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets £5. Contact the Museum or Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

### Saturday 14th June

**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.

### Sunday 15th June

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

### Sunday 15th June

**Walkabout for Rainbows Hospice** - Start time is between 11am - 1pm. Cost will be £10 per family which can be raised by sponsorship, forms can be downloaded from [www.rainbows.co.uk/get-involved/downloads/](http://www.rainbows.co.uk/get-involved/downloads/) OR contact Caroline on 01522 789578 or [caroline.rossin@rainbows.co.uk](mailto:caroline.rossin@rainbows.co.uk)

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

The copy deadline for the July edition is 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**Wednesday 18th June**

**Ruddington District Probus Club**  
- Summer Lunch. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

**Thursday 19th June**

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

**Thursday 19th June**

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

**Friday 20th June**

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

**Saturday 21st June**

**Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke** -available for constituents at Rushcliffe House, 17-19 Rectory Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 3BE. By appointment only contact Debbie Sugg on 0207 219 5189 or email: [suggd@parliament.uk](mailto:suggd@parliament.uk)

**Sunday 22nd June**

**Chalfield Dog Show** - at Rushcliffe Country Park. Call 0115 928 2641 for details.

**Tuesday 24th June**

**Parish Council** - 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.

**Wednesday 25th June**

**Ruddington Gardners' Association** - An illustrated lecture entitled "Gardens in the Age of Chivalry- Medieval Gardens" by Michael Brown, followed by complimentary refreshments. The Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 25th June**

**Ruddington Conservative Club** - are having a "Fun and Games Nite" with Bongo, Sticky 13, Raffle, Play Your Cards Right, Quiz & more. Starting 7.30pm.

**Sunday 29th June**

**Charity Coffee Morning** - organised by the Nottinghamshire Coeliac Group, coffee and cakes will be on sale or you can bring your own picnic. At Rushcliffe Country Park 12 noon to 3pm.



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**Wednesday 2nd July**

**Ruddington District Probus Club** - "Not Motor or Home". At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

**Sunday 6th July**

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

**Sunday 6th July**

**Footpaths Walk** - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group organised. Barton-in-Fabis, Thrumpton, Gotham Hill. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

## GETTING INVOLVED

### Part 6 of our Easy Guide to the Parish Council

If you've followed Parts 1 to 5 of this series, you'll have a better idea of how the Parish Council works and what happens to around £305,000 it spends every year. Perhaps you'd like to have a bigger say in areas that affect you – how can you do this?

1. Check the agendas – Printed online at [www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk) you can view what the Council or one of its committees is talking about. You can even register with the Parish Council Office to have all agendas emailed to you – just email the Clerk on ([office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk)). If there's something on the agenda that you feel strongly about, you can go along to the meeting and have your say during the 'adjournment'. You will be made most welcome and councillors are always pleased to hear residents' views – whether it's a planning application, a highways issue or even an item of special expenditure.
2. If there is something you are very concerned about and you feel that the Parish Council should be doing something, you can contact the Clerk to see whether it is appropriate to go on a future agenda. The Clerk might be able to deal with it personally, or maybe you need to be referred to another

organisation – or maybe the issue really should be discussed by the Council or one of its committees.



3. Once a year, usually around April, the Parish Council holds the Annual Parish Meeting where it reports to electors on what it has done in the previous 12 months. You can get a copy of the report before the meeting and electors are encouraged to ask questions and have their queries answered. There is usually an informal 'meet and greet' afterwards so that you can speak to your ward councillor less formally.
4. The Parish Council surgery is held ten months of the year (not August or December) on the second Saturday of the month, 10 am to 12 noon at St Peter's Rooms. Here you can speak to your Parish Councillor (also your Borough and County Councillor) about issues which affect you.
5. The Parish Council Office is open from 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday

to Friday. The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Clerical Assistant are there to help if they can.

6. Keep your eyes open for a 'Casual Vacancy' – if you see a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and think you might be interested just contact the Clerk for more information. You might want to speak to another councillor first to get an inside view and again, the Clerk can put you in touch with someone.

For more information call in to the office, or you can email your enquiry to [office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

*By Linda Cooke*

### **James Peacock Educational Foundation**

The James Peacock Educational Foundation offers every child who lives in Ruddington, at the age of 11 years, a gift from the Trust in the form of a Bible, calculator and dictionary.

**Do you know any young person born between 1st September 2002 and 31st August 2003 who lives in the Parish of Ruddington but attends a school outside the Parish?**

The Trustees of the James Peacock Educational Foundation are aware of the eligible children attending St Peter's School but do not have details of those young people living in the village but attending schools elsewhere. We would like to ensure that all eligible young people in Ruddington receive their gift from the Foundation. If you are aware of a child born between these dates, then please make a written application giving the name, date of birth and school attended to:

Mrs K Robertson (Secretary), 74 Musters Road, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HZ

BY FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2014 (Please note that applications received after this date cannot be considered).

### **Karate Success**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 3 junior students passed their Black belts[1<sup>st</sup> DAN]and 1 adult passed his Black belt[2<sup>nd</sup> DAN] at Ruddington Village Hall

Zade Alkhabaz 12years,Lewis Pannell 13years,Kevin Rowley[adult] and Georgia Hancock 13years[as in photo layout left to right]



I am really proud that our local club did exceptionally well at these grading's this weekend. It was extremely hot in the village hall and they had to perform in front of the head of the association RAJ KUMAR [6<sup>th</sup> Dan] and Rob Pannell[5<sup>th</sup> dan] Phil Brookes[4<sup>th</sup> Dan] and Keith Robson [4<sup>TH</sup> Dan]Raj Kumar said afterwards that they did the club proud and was one of the best grading standards he had seen for a very long time. All are local to the area, with 2 from the village itself.

*Robert Pannell*

## U3A

Is there anyone interested in forming a U3A in Rudd? If so please contact Sarah on 914 8866.

### Summer Orienteering Meets Launched

The Rushcliffe Orienteers, part of Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club, have now launched their summer programme of weekly meetings. The programme began on 6 May in Rushcliffe Country Park and will run until 1 July, with more dates to follow, so there's still plenty of time to get involved and try your hand at a new pastime.

Orienteering involves navigating your way around a set course to try and find a series of hidden markers. You can walk, jog or run around the course so it's suitable for all ages and fitness levels – and it's a great way to get some exercise in the open air over the summer. You can come on your own or with family and friends and learn how to navigate using the special orienteering maps and other specialist equipment that will be provided by the Club.

No experience is necessary as everyone will receive coaching advice and the exercises will be adapted to suit more experienced orienteers, so everyone is challenged at their own level. The meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30pm until 8pm, with a different meeting place each week. Costs are £2 for adults, £1 for juniors and £3 for families. For the latest information and meeting places, visit the Rushcliffe Orienteers page at [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org).

*By Faye Stenson*

## Ruddington Women's Institute

The year 2015 is the centenary celebration of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in Great Britain. In order to mark the occasion a relay baton left Llanfairpg in Anglesey (Wales), the village where the first WI in the UK was formed in 1915, to travel to all the WIs in the country. Eventually, on Thursday 4 June 2015, the baton will arrive at the Albert Hall in London during the National Federation of WIs 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.



Ruddington WI will receive the baton from Plumtree WI at St Peter's Rooms on Friday 13 June 2014 at 2.00pm. An open-topped classic bus has been hired from the Heritage Centre to carry the baton to West Bridgford WI later that afternoon so that it may continue its onward journey. WI members will accompany the baton to West Bridgford and then return to St Peter's Rooms for afternoon tea with members from Plumtree. In the event of rain, umbrellas will be at the ready!!

### Ruddington Conservative Club

The 'Connie Club' is having a **FUN AND GAMES NITE** on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm with Bingo/Sticky 13/Raffle/Play Your Cards Rite/Fun Quiz and more.

This has always been a good night and Everyone Welcome.

## McArtneys Open Mic Night

McArtney's Winebar in Ruddington hosted their first Open Mic night on Thursday the 22nd of May hosted by the fabulous Gaynor from Ultra Lounge.



## James Peacock School Community Day

James Peacock Infant and Nursery School will be holding a Community Day on Saturday 27th September as part of their continuing involvement and support of the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard.

The day will display the different groups, clubs and societies in the village and bring everyone together to celebrate our fantastic community. The event will also showcase the school's work on equality.

The theme of the day is 'Sport' and the school hope to raise money for 'Balls to

Poverty' which helps to support street children in different parts of Africa.

If you would like your club, society, group or business represented at this non-profit making event by running a free craft stall or activity for the children or by demonstrating your skills in an 'arena' then please contact Sally Squires at the school for more information on 0115 9144225 or email [slessteeringgroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:slessteeringgroup@hotmail.co.uk)

*By Marion Pell*

## Hearing Aid Clinics

Some of you may be aware that the Hear to Help hearing aid clinics were under threat of closing due to funding issues.

However, I can now confirm that The Ear Foundation are taking the project over. So, if you require:

- New batteries
- New ear mould tubing
- Advice on equipment
- Advice on how to use and clean your hearing aids
- Information on hearing loss and all the services that can help you

Then come along to our planned Hearing Aid Clinic at St Peter's Rooms. On every **Third** Thursday of the month 11.30am - 12.30pm

Laura Ainsworth,  
Adult Support Co-ordinator  
0115 942 7804.

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

## RUDD (Remove Unacceptable Dog Dirt)

The recent campaign was well received. The competition for dogs to nominate their “responsible human beings” who always clean up after them, attracted 127 dogs’ entries . 5 lucky winners were drawn out to receive prizes donated by Perkins, Ruddington Vets and Armitage Petcare.



Proud Ralph

The “sad face” chalk marking where abandoned deposits are found is an ongoing project. If you need extra chalk or an action pack they are available from the Parish Council Office.

Thank you to



Excited Tashi

Coco and owner Alison



Tia and owner Tina

And Riley who was just too excited to stay still for a photo!

everyone who has participated so far in this attempt to tidy up our village.

*By Barbara Breakwell*

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