

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

63 Bus Service Axed

A recent announcement that Notts County Council is set to withdraw the 63 bus service from 4 August has been met with dismay by Ruddington residents. The 63 is currently operated by Paul S Winson and runs from Keyworth to the QMC via Ruddington and a number of other local villages. The service was introduced a few years ago to help improve rural links in the area.



But despite the 63 not being included in an official list of services earmarked for withdrawal, Notts County Council quietly announced on its website last month that it was to be axed. The news of its demise is just one of a number of service changes that will take effect from 4 August – and that, according to the website, have resulted from ‘*extensive consultation*’ with a number of parties, including local communities and passenger surveys.

Unfortunately, as residents and bus users have pointed out, this ‘*extensive consultation*’ didn’t include the 63. Yet this is an important route, provides the only direct link to the QMC from Ruddington (a godsend for patients and visitors who don’t drive), a key commuter service to major employment sites including Ruddington Fields Business Park and the University of Nottingham, and links to several local schools.

Its planned successor, the 863, will comprise an off-peak shopping service, connecting East Leake, Wysall and Keyworth with the Morrisons supermarket at Gamston. Schools, hospitals and key employers will no longer be served and vital links between Ruddington and other local villages will be lost.

Ruddington Parish Council has objected to Notts County Council about the withdrawal of the 63 service and will keep residents informed of any developments on our website and in the newsletter.

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10k charity run for Nikki

Jayne Lowey, a member of County Health Partnerships' health visiting team, has raised over £600 for the St Mary's Community Park Project by running the Nottingham 10k in memory of Nikki Herbison. Nikki, who was the Project's Chairperson, tragically passed away in May after collapsing whilst taking part in Parkrun in Rushcliffe Country Park.

On hearing the news, our local health visiting team were keen to do something in her memory. So Jayne, who's a health visitor here in Ruddington, decided to raise funds for the Project that was so close to Nikki's heart by running in the Women's Running 10k race at Victoria Embankment on 19 July. She set up a page on the MyDonate website to collect donations – and smashed her initial target of £500 by raising £610 in just a few weeks.

On the site, Jayne explains her decision to run the 10k in aid of the Project: *'The health visiting team were saddened to hear of the loss of Nikki Herbison. Nikki was inspirational in her role to raise funds and drive forwards the project. The community are doing an amazing job to continue to strive for the development of the playground.'*

Jayne's MyDonate page will be accepting donations until 19 August 2014. So if you'd like to contribute, you can do so by visiting <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jaynelowey1>. You can keep up to date with developments and fundraising events for the St Mary's Community Park Project by liking their Facebook page.

By Faye Stenson

Bombs to Butterflies

Local historian Val Clarke will be the speaker at the next talk in the old Primitive Methodist Church in Chapel Street to help raise funds for the Framework Knitters Museum's purchase of Gunn Cottage.

Before World War II the area which is now Rushcliffe Country Park had been agricultural land and a place where children went exploring and dog walkers strolled, but in 1940 it all changed. This square mile between Ruddington and Bradmore was chosen to be one of 10 new bomb filling factories spread throughout the country and became the Ruddington Ordnance and Supply Depot.

Many local people contributed to the book "Bombs to Butterflies" telling the story of Ruddington depot to Rushcliffe Country Park, published by Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society and The Friends of Rushcliffe Country park and edited by Margaret Lawson. Now out of print, a copy will be one of the raffle prizes after Val's talk.

This event takes place on Tuesday 12 August at 2.30pm (note the time).

Tickets at £5 are available from the Knitters Museum or from Kathy Powis tel. 9845375

Margaret Lawson

As well as editing 'Bombs to Butterflies' Margaret Lawson wrote a history of Parish Council.

She has lived in Ruddington since 1958 and it is her and her husband Kenneth's 60th wedding anniversary in August.

War Memorial Gardens

This year is the centenary of the start of the Great War and, along with the country, the Royal British Legion and the residents of Ruddington, Ruddington Parish Council wishes to honour the fallen of this village in all wars whose names are recorded on the refurbished war memorial.

In order to mark the centenary the Parish Council has installed a memorial garden in the shape of 3 raised flower beds:



Thanks to the those who contributed towards this: Cllr Reg Adair (NCC), British Gypsum, Melbourne Flooring, Castle Clinic, Kingdom Bank, Malmic Lace, Honeycomb Charity Shop, A.W. Lymns, Moulty's Barbers, Ruddington Medical Centre, Unity Union, David Richards Jewellers, Mathew's Deli, Ruddington Post Office, Julia's Kitchen, Wida Group Ltd, Brookside Auto Services, J Hill Services, SPR Race Products, Allen Vending, Park Interiors, Snowden Healthcare, Philo's Deli, A M Girling (Ruddington Bus. Centre), Reflective Designs, Ruddington Garage, Tanners, The Three Crowns, Beardsall Builders Ltd, Ruddington Methodist Church and some individuals.

Cllr David Hall

Thursday Coffee and Lunch Club

Muriel Woodhead and her team invite the older residents of the village to join them for either a coffee or lunch, or both.

They meet on Thursdays starting at 10.30 a.m. at St Peter's Rooms for a chat and get together. Tea is 50p and coffee is £1. If you have difficulty cooking at home a lunch can be ordered in advance at a cost of £4. Feel free to call Muriel on 0115 984 5666 for further details. They look forward to welcoming you.

Ruddstock is coming

Last year James Peacock School held a very successful Community Day to showcase the work they undertake on equality and respect, linked to the Stephen Lawrence Educational Standard.

This year on Saturday, September 27th between 12 noon and 2pm they are holding the "Ruddstock" Community Day at the school.

As a lead up to that event children at the school will be learning about life in Uganda through Ruddy the travelling bear. Ruddy has kindly been given by the WI to mark their 100 year anniversary.



Wearing a tee shirt, designed by a pupil, he will visit key places in the village during September. He will be keeping a diary of his travels. This diary and letters from the children will then travel with Ruddy to The Vineyard School in

Uganda as part of a link between the two schools.

The Vineyard School already has links with Ruddington as it forms part of the TESO foundation which is supported by many local residents who have visited the country to help build and support schools and hospitals.

Ruddy will leave his paw print at the various village locations he visits and residents are invited to send a photo of themselves alongside the paw print to slessteeringgroup@hotmail.co.uk

As a finale to the event, with the help of the Heritage Centre, a bus will transport Ruddy and friends around the village before he rushes off to catch his plane to Africa.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event. Watch for further details around the village.

By Barbara Breakwell

Paying by Card

Ruddington Parish Council is now able to accept payment by credit and debit card (except for key deposits).

Phethean's Chemist Shop

Kathy Phethean would like to know if anyone has any souvenirs of her husband's Chemist Shop, which stood on the High Street for 80 years.

She would especially like bottles of Volverine or Bronchiline which Ken and his father, Norman, used to sell. They have printed labels with directions.

If anyone can find any in their medicine cupboard would you please take them to Manor Pharmacy on the High Street and they will pass them on to her or phone her on 921 1533.

More Church Street Changes

In the last issue we reported on the relocation of Ward's Home Furnishings to 14 Church Street and on the closure of the tattoo parlour next door. Well 12 Church Street has a popular new tenant already!

"Everybody in the village has been so lovely and welcoming" says Karen Cragg – owner of the brand new business **The Lovely Little Wool Shop**, which opened on the 8th of July. *"I've been knitting all my life and have always wanted to run my own wool shop - so now it feels like I'm on holiday!"*



Karen is no stranger to Ruddington having worked here previously as an activities organiser at Orchard House and in the Framework Knitters' Museum. Her new premises have been opened up into the original back room to give enough space to stock all the items she has to offer.

Already the shop is filled with many different colours and types of quality yarn plus a pretty array of handmade craft

items including knitting needles, decorative buttons, woolen handbags and Karen's trademark hand knitted tea cosies.

"I sent one of my cosies to The Queen to mark her Diamond Jubilee and she sent me a letter of thanks. I was so proud!" says Karen.

As well as a knitting group every Friday morning, Karen is also going to be hosting various workshops during August, September and October so urges you to pop in if you're interested. And, whilst you're browsing, there's also tea and homemade cake for sale - with a choice of either a comfy sofa or al fresco table.

Meantime, four doors along at 2 Church Street, there's a new owner at The **Ruddington Fish Bar**. Demetris Lawton took over the business with wife Anna, sister Donna and brother-in-law George on the 14th July.



"I come from a family of fryers in Stafford – basically I was BORN in a chip shop!" says Demetris. *"I've been working abroad for the last few years but have a lot of friends in Nottinghamshire so I started looking to*

open a business here when we got back. It's great to have found this opportunity in Ruddington – I love it!"

To start with, Demetris is concentrating on bringing the quality of the existing menu of fish & chips, kebabs, pizzas, etc. back up to standard. He then plans to add healthier options like salads. Subject to planning permission, both an interior and exterior makeover should follow soon!

By Graham Wright

Choir Christmas Concert Correction

The Choir's Christmas Concert will be at St Peter's Church Ruddington and not St Giles as my article June's newsletter said.

Liz Lister

Ruddington and District Choral Society

The Noise 2014

The Noise 2014 was a cracking success with a team of over 100 volunteers helping on over 30 different projects across the weekend we achieved a great deal. There were many highlights across the weekend from filling a 16 yard skip to the brim with waste to having people who had seen or heard about The Noise wanting to come and join in.

We were especially excited to have a team from the Ruddington Co-op join us this year and their presence helped to make an even bigger impact with the work we achieved. With many people giving time and energy to the physical side of the work there were also lots of people behind the scenes both in the build up to and during the weekend.

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Ruddington Diary

August 2014

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August

GCRN Model Railway Show - for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

Sunday 3rd August

The Royal British Legion - Service of Remembrance and Reflection will be held at St. Peter's Church at 6.30pm. After the service everyone will be invited to assemble at the War Memorial for the opportunity to pray for peace.

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. Country Park to Bradmore Moor & Long Farm Track. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Monday 4th August

The Royal British Legion - "Lights Out" One Million Candles to Remember. An invitation to everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm to 11pm, lighting a single candle to reflect the 100th Anniversary of WW1.

Ruddington Fun - Kidcamp Summer Camp, Cricket coaching and

Commonwealth Inspired Games 2pm to 4pm. For all ages **children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times**, session is free. At Jubilee Clubhouse.

Wednesday 6th August

Den Building and Mini-beast Hunt 10am to 12 noon. For all ages children must be accompanied by an adult, need to book, 3.50 per child. At Rushcliffe Country Park. Tel 0115 921 5865.

Ruddington District Probus Club - "My Life as a Scrap Dealer". At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 7th August

Tots at the Top, arts and craft session, 9.30am to 10.30am & 11am to 12 noon, ages 2 to 7 years. At the Hermitage £5.50 per child. Contact Jane 07773 247 628 or Anne 07813 283 276.

Friday 8th August

Surestart Summer Stay and Play session 10am to 11.30am, 0 to 5 years. At the Young People's Centre, The Green.

Sunday 10th August

GCRN Heritage Transport - Phoenix Summer Gathering, for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

Cinema Trip organised by the Hermitage Preschool, Disney Planes 2 - Fire & Rescue, 10.15am. Savoy Cinema, Derby Road. £5 per ticket available from Perkins or Preschool.

Monday 11th August

Stay and Play Summer School 10am to 11.30am, 0 to 5 years. At the Hermitage £1.50 per child.

Tuesday 12th August

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in the Ruddington Library 11am to 11.30 a.m. for under 5's. The sessions are free and no booking required. Call 0115 9212309 for more information.

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

Framework Knitters Museum - "Bomb to Butterflies - the story of Rushcliffe Country Park". Illustrated talk by Val Clark. At 2.30 pm Old Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets £5. Contact the Museum or Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

Mythical Monsters, stories and crafts, 2.30 to 5.15 pm, 5 to 9 year olds. Ruddington Library, free but limited spaces, tickets available from 12th July. Pop in or ring 0115 921 2309.

Wednesday 13th August

Ruddington Fun - William the Wizard, magic show and entertainment, 2 to 4pm. Limited places, need to book. Email

ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com for details/venue. Free but donations welcomed in support of the St Mary's Community Park Project.

Ruddington W.I. - "Ladies in Pigs" A Pork Themed Cookery Demonstration. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 14th August

Ruddington & District Ladies' Probos Club - Annual Birthday Lunch, venue to be announced.

Wiggle and Giggle, music and movement, 9.30 to 10.15am, 0 to 5 years. At the Framework Knitters Chapel Room, email wiggleandgiggle@outlook.com need to book £4 per child.

Friday 15th August

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

Sunday 17th August

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

Monday 18th August

Ruddington Fun - Bug 'n' Bones, welcome some creatures to Ruddington 2 to 4pm. At St. Peter's Rooms, free, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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Tuesday 19th August

Planning Meeting - at St. Peters Rooms 7.30 pm. Andrew Grainger & Co will be attending to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the proposed development of Land off Asher Lane. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

Wednesday 20th August

Den Building and Mini-beast Hunt, 10am to 12 noon. At Rushcliffe Country Park, £3.50 per child, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, booking required contact 0115 921 5865.

Ruddington District Probus Club - "Postcards of the First World War". At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 21st August

Ear Foundation - Come to our **FREE** walk-in hearing aid clinic. St. Peter's Rooms 11.30am to 12.30pm.
Neighbourhood Watch Meeting - St. Peter's Rooms 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

Friday 22nd August

Wiggle and Giggle in collaboration with Surestart, 10am to 10.45am, 0 to 5 years. At the Young Peoples Centre, the Green, email wiggleandgiggle@outlook.com free, need to book.

Saturday 24, Sunday 25th & Monday 26th August

GCRN Mixed Traction Event - for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

Wednesday 27th August

Den Building and Pond Dipping, 10am to 12 noon. At Rushcliffe Country Park, £3.50 per child, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, booking required contact 0115 921 5865.

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th August

Multi Sports Sessions, 9.45am to 2.45pm, 5 - 11 years. At James Peacock School, £10 per day. Contact the Sports Development Team on 07920 094 646.

Thursday 28th August

Wiggle and Giggle, music and movement, 9.30 to 10.15am, 0 to 5 years. At the Framework Knitters Chapel Room, email wiggleandgiggle@outlook.com need to book £4 per child.

September 2014

Wednesday 3rd September

Ruddington District Probus Club - "A Roy Boyles Special". At Ruddington Golf Club at 12 noon.

Saturday 6th September

Framework Knitters Museum - "In the Trenches". An audience participation, artefacts session by Jason King. 7.30pm Old Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets £5. Contact the Museum or Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

St. Mary's Community Park Project Mini festival in aid of St. Mary's Community Park Project. Live acts and children's entertainers.

For updates and information go to www.facebook.com/StMarysCommunityParkProject?

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I would like special thanks to go to the following people or companies that helped by donating time, tools or other resources to us for the weekend.

Perkins Hardware, Ruddington

Sinbad Tool Hire, West Bridgford

Andy Tedford, Lifetime Shots Photography – info@lifetimeshots.com

Horticulture, gardening Kirsty Guy – 07989456815

Along with the many people whom very kindly made cakes for us to share with those who we had helped across the weekend at afternoon tea on Sunday.

As well as all those that turned up to get stuck in to the work going on around the village.

THANKYOU!

*Chris Seager
Youth Worker
Ruddington Baptist Church*

How lucky are we.....

On the doorstep of our village we have a multi awarding winning amenity in the shape of Rushcliffe Country Park. Numerous visitors from near and far use the area for recreation and leisure, exercising both themselves and their canine companions, and for enjoying the wildlife.

Specific areas of the park are designated for particular use e.g. the park, sensory area and BMX track. It also has clearly signed defined areas for dogs. Some allow them to run free, others require them to be kept on leads.

Unfortunately, over the last few months (despite the area around the lake being

a “dogs on leads” area) some water fowl have been mauled and killed by unrestrained dogs.

The park is a large and diverse area. It would help the Rangers to maintain it as the fantastic facility it is if visitors who see anything that causes them concern would alert them on **0785 548 9913**.

Thank you

By Barbara Breakwell

Cricket Club Thanks

Councillor Reg Adair with a cheque for £250 for Ruddington Cricket Club. The Club would like to say a big thank you for his support. It will greatly help the club move forward as we are looking to fund a player to attend a coaching course over the winter so that we can start a youth team next spring.

*Nic Greaves
Ruddington CC*



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

Christmas is coming!

Last November saw the extremely popular and successful Christmas Market in the village organised by the St Marys Community Park Group. This year the Parish Council has taken up the challenge to build on that success with a Christmas Event planned for **Saturday, November 29th**.

In order to make it an event for all we are keen to hear what **you** would like to see happen on that day. What time do you think it should run? What should be on offer e.g. stalls, entertainment, food? Where should it be held?



I would like to thank those who have already come forward with ideas and offers of help and support.

We want it to be an event for the village by the village. Please either speak to me when you see me out and about or email me at councillorbb@ntlworld.com. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Thank you

By Barbara Breakwell

We Will Remember Them

This month, on August 4th, is the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War.

A Roll of Honour of those men from Ruddington who served their 'King and Country' is on display in our Village Museum. The Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society was

responsible for putting up the memorial and in 1918 established 'The Foresters' War Memorial Benevolent Fund' to provide financial assistance to members and their families who were severely affected by the losses of the First World War.



Village memorials were vital focal points for those grieving relatives and friends at home when their loved ones were lying in 'some foreign field'. The fallen are remembered by name in St Peter's Church; on a brass wall tablet, two framed rolls of honour in the muniment room above the south porch and the War Memorial next to the churchyard.

Kay Steer

Ruddington Mini Fest – Watch this Space

On Saturday 6th September there will be a Mini Fest presented to you by the St. Mary's Community Park Project and Parklands Celebrations Marquee.

This will be held during the afternoon and into the late evening on superb grounds on Loughborough Road, Ruddington. There will be plenty for the family, children's activities, live music acts, food and a bar.

Summer events at GCRN

As usual, our local heritage railway and transport centre will be holding a variety of themed events over the summer holidays – perfect for amusing kids and adults alike. Here's what will be happening down at GCRN, located in Rushcliffe Country Park, this August.

GCRN Model Railway Show 2014, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 August, 10am to 5pm

This popular event returns once again to celebrate the world of the railway in miniature. Visitors can view a fantastic range of visiting and home-based model railway layouts, including 'Ruddington' as featured in Railway Modeller Magazine. Other attractions include trade stands and GCRN's miniature railway. Unlimited rides on GCRN's full-size heritage steam train are included in general admission ticket prices, which start from £6 for kids.

Phoenix Summer Gathering, Sunday 10 August



This 'not to be missed' heritage transport event will feature an amazing display of vintage road vehicles from bygone times, including buses, cars and commercial vehicles. Visitors can also browse trade stands and vehicle memorabilia and take a ride on GCRN's miniature railway and full-size steam or diesel services.

GCRN Mixed Traction Event, Sunday 24 to Monday 25 August

Enjoy a Bank Holiday with a difference by combining the sights and sounds of heritage transport with a Real Ale Festival! Diesel and steam locos will be on show and in service, whilst heritage bus services will offer unique tours of the local area. The miniature and model railways, café and gift shop will also be open, along with GCRN's play and picnic area.

For more details of all these events and to buy tickets in advance, please visit www.gcrn.co.uk or call 0115 940 5705.

By Faye Stenson

Look out for posters around the village about the event or find us on Facebook. Adult tickets will be £20 including two children's free entry; this will cover the cost of your food, entry and entertainment. *Stephanie Palmer*

P.S. First drink is also included. This event will celebrate our dear Chair that we sadly lost this year and raise more funds for our wonderful community park. Come and enjoy a great family day out at your local MINI FEST.

Framework Knitters' Certificate

We're delighted to report that yet another local business has received a Trip Advisor "Certificate of Excellence" in their 2014 awards. Congratulations to the Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum on Chapel Street!



Policing Reminder

Our PCSO, Vee White, says:

This time last year there was an increase in burglaries. In the hot weather houses might be entered through insecure doors and windows. It only takes seconds for an opportunist thief to check and enter an insecure door or window and steal items.

Also there have been thefts of hanging baskets and potted plants from front gardens. Please make sure your doors, windows and outbuildings are closed and locked.

Contact:

DIAL 101 for non emergencies
PCSO Vee White 07702 141 778
PCSO Jonny Wilkinson. 07525 226 593

In an emergency ring 999

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Following the recent and helpful pieces by Linda Cook, I want to add a couple of things. Firstly, there is growing interest in becoming a councillor. We don't have a vacancy at the moment although I believe that there soon will be one and next May all 16 places will be up for grabs. Secondly, in the last newsletter it was suggested that elections do not happen. That is not correct. There was an election in May 2012 when Cllr Auckland joined the Council and in my view it is good that there is sufficient interest in the role for that to be necessary.

If you want to know more about becoming a councillor, we want to hear from you. Contact the Parish Council office or any of your parish councillors.

Cllr Nick Tegerdine

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

The copy deadline for the next edition is 15th August.

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