

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Pavement Problems



Some readers will recognise Rocky in his bright red dog stroller. Unfortunately, a few weeks ago, Rocky damaged his spinal cord which initially left him paralysed in his hind legs. Instead of keeping him cooped up at home and caged whilst nature did its job I chose to buy the stroller to enable me to take him out on his usual daily 'walks' so that he could see his friends and improve his quality of life.

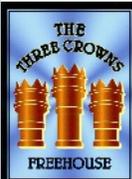
The reason for me writing this article is that Rocky's misfortune and unusual mode of transport has confirmed my long held view that something needs to be done about the dreadful state of the pavements in the village and the amount of obstacles preventing a safe passage from one end of the village to the other.

Whilst parking remains high on the agenda, pavements seem to be forgotten, yet we have a large number of pedestrians in Ruddington. Sadly it is a fact of our time that wheelchair users and children's pushchairs raise barely an eyebrow as they are so commonplace, but the sight of a little dog struggling to remain still whilst his stroller is manoeuvred to avoid the uneven surfaces, the holes and cracks, the advertising boards, the cyclists and the illegally parked cars and vans blocking the pavements is another matter.

If this is something which affects you and you want your voice heard please let me know by e-mailing cllr.marion.pell@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk or you can leave a message at the Parish Council office (see back page). Together with the Parish Council's support we can put pressure on Nottinghamshire County Council to address the issue and take action to make Ruddington a safer place for everyone.

By Councillor Marion Pell

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Check before you start.....

Our village has a large area of it designated as a "Conservation area". This area includes listed buildings and buildings of special architectural or historic character known as "positive buildings"

The implications of residing in or occupying a property within the designated area are that extra consent/permission will be needed to undertake various works.

This applies to the installation/positioning of satellite dishes and solar panels, positioning of outbuildings, extensions and demolitions, external additions and alterations including external cladding and even the carrying out of work on trees.

Hopefully you will know if your home or business is in the Conservation Area. However, if you are in any doubt you can view a map in the Parish Council Office or by going on line at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk and putting "Ruddington Conservation Area" in the search facility.

You can also contact the Design and Conservation Team for advice and clarification at design&conservation@rushcliffe.gov.uk or ring (0115) 981 9911

By Barbara Breakwell and Allen Wood

Ruddington Vespa Club

'In July 2014 a new branch of the Vespa Club of Britain was established in Ruddington by two local residents, Kevin Allsopp and Carl Shaw. The Vespa Club of Britain was established in 1952 for enthusiasts of all things relating to the classic Italian scooter and currently has 247 branches throughout the country. The newly established Ruddington Branch is branch number 245.

Kevin and Carl were part of the scooter scene when they were teenagers but then took a break of around 25 years before getting the scooter bug again.

In recent years members have travelled to scooter rallies in all parts of Britain on their scooters including Kelso , Scotland (470 miles round trip), Tenby , Wales (500 miles), the Isle of Wight (390) as well as rallies in Skegness, Cleethorpes,

Attention all Local Clubs and Societies!

Do You Need to Raise Funds?

The Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington needs help with the Santa Sleigh in December and would welcome assistance with the local walking collections.

We are a Club working with the community and will share the collection with any Clubs or Societies that would be willing to help.

Please contact Gren Turner on 07973108321 or Mike Winson on 0115 9373311 or email mwinson@hotmail.com



Norfolk and most recently Mersea Island nr Colchester (330 miles) at the end of August 2014 . The next rally which the Ruddington branch will be attending is in Northampton on October 4th 2014.

New members are welcome for details contact Kevin via email (Kevin-40@hotmail.co.uk)

Food on the Move

In the last couple of months two new eating options have become available in our village – one on wheels and the other aimed at people on wheels!

After 18 months of planning, “Marilyn’s 50’s Diner” made its first, sizzling public appearance on Mere Way in Ruddington on the 7th of September – followed by lunch on The Green the following week. It’s the new venture of Rob and Sam Mascari and will run in parallel with Rob’s established village kitchen business.

“But my Brazilian chef Bill Candeias will be doing most of the cooking!” explains Rob. *“We’ll be looking to expand the ports of call from our current Thursdays by The Green and Fridays in The Business Park. We’re also available for local people to hire for special events – and we’re doing Goose Fair this year. I love ‘street food’ and wanted to create something more than a burger van. Ours is based on a 1950’s style American diner – and we’ve called it Marilyn’s because people are always telling Sam she has Marilyn Monroe’s blonde locks!”*

Their impressive range of food includes burgers made with locally sourced meat and New York style hot dogs cooked on a chargrill, American Pancakes with a choice of fillings – and refreshments of course.

Special sandwiches are more the line of Ruddington’s other new fast food outlet – “Subway”! A village branch of the popular, international, quick service restaurant has appeared inside the Loughborough Road Filling Station following a major refurbishment by EuroGarages.

“We’ve got a great new Spar shop with a much bigger range of groceries” says petrol manager Andy Mobley *“and we now offer The Lottery, gas and electric top-ups and a free cash machine.”*



But it does seem what has most excited our younger villagers is the new Subway – open from 7am Monday to Saturday and 8am on Sundays.

Manager Henry Appleby is bringing his 16 years’ catering experience to the post and told The Village Newsletter:

“We have a great new 11-seater restaurant – to eat in for the same price as a takeaway – with six types of bread to choose from and some great salads. It’s all made freshly in front of you and we’ve a good range of drinks. We’re already getting a lot of people in from the business park at lunchtimes but we hope everyone in Ruddington will come along and give us a try!”

By Graham Wright

Ruddington Diary

October 2014

Wednesday 1st October

International Day of Older Persons
- Are you aged 60 or over? A free event of fun activities organised by Ruddington Fun. St. Peter's Rooms, 10am - 12 noon. Refreshments available and the first 60 attendees get a goody bag.

Ruddington District Probus Club
- "From a garage in Ruddington to Buckingham Palace via Thailand" Martin Hawthorn. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

History Society - St. Peter's Rooms 8pm.

Thursday 2nd October

Framework Knitters Museum - "St. Pancreas Station". Illustrated talk by Nigel Lowey. At 7.30pm Old Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets £5. Contact the Museum or Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

Saturday 4th October

2014 Flu Campaign - Flu clinics will be held at The Ruddington Medical Centre, 9am to 12 noon. These clinics are only for the following groups: Over 65's, Asthma/COPD, Renal Problems, Diabetes, Pregnant Women, Liver Problems, Carers, Immunosuppressed, Heart Problems/Stroke.

Ruddington Methodist Church - Harvest Lunch, buffet lunch served at 1pm followed by entertainment. Ticket only, £8 tickets available from the serving hatch.

Rushcliffe Parkrun - 9am Saturday morning. The start and finish line is by the lake.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October

GCRN Miniture Traction Engine Rally - for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

Sunday 5th October

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group organised. Rempstone/old St. Peter's Churchyard/Kings Brook. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 7th October

Ruddington Methodist Women's Fellowship - "Comedy a Tragedy Through Poetry & Prose" by Mrs B Bradley. 2.30pm in the School Room, Methodist Church.

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.

Wednesday 8th October

Ruddington W.I. - "Farming with Wildlife" Andrew Parsons. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 11th 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.

Co-op Table Top Sale - 12.30pm to 4pm proceeds will go towards improving facilities at St. Peter's School and James Peacock Infant School.

Sunday 12th October

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

Tuesday 14th October

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in the Ruddington Library 11am to 11.30am.

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

Wednesday 15th October

Ruddington District Probus Club - "Alaska" Jollyon Smith. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 16th October

Ear Foundation - Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our **FREE** walk-in hearing aid clinic.

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

Friday 17th October

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

Saturday 18th October

2014 Flu Campaign – See 4th October.

Sunday 19th October

GCRN Autumn Sulzer - for more details go to www.gcrn.co.uk/events/2014

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

Tuesday 21st October

Ruddington Methodist Women's Fellowship - "New light on Edward & Mrs Simpson" by Mr J Whitfield. 2.30pm in the School Room, Methodist Church.

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.

Saturday 25th October

Royal British Legion - Autumn Fair and Poppy Appeal Launch, 9am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms.

Tuesday 28th October

Fostering People - Open Evening, 5.30pm to 8pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Wednesday 29th October

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - An illustrated talk entitled "Garden Ponds" by Linda Smith who owns Waterside Nursery. The Hermitage, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Friday 31st October

Hermitage Halloween Disco - 5pm to 8pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

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 October.

November 2014

Saturday 1st November

Ruddington & District Choral - Charity Evening. St Peter's Rooms 7pm to 10pm.

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group organised. Gotham to East Leake Hills. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 4th November

Amenities 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.

Wednesday 5th November

Ruddington District Probus Club - "Hearing Awareness" (Amplifon), Phil Kennedy. Ruddington Golf Club 12noon.

Saturday 11th October

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GCRN Gears up for Autumn/Winter Events

Our local heritage railway has a packed schedule of events this autumn and winter, starting with their popular Miniature Traction Engine Rally on the weekend of 4/5 October. The event will feature a host of miniature traction engines and steam vehicles, most of which will be in-steam and operating. Miniature train rides will be running all weekend, with full size steam trains on Sunday only.



Sunday 12 October sees GCRN holding their late-season Road Transport event. Their own collection of historic road vehicles will be joined by a number of guests, many with a local connection, whilst the heritage railway will be running steam or diesel services throughout the day.

If fireworks are your thing, you'll love GCRN's annual Fireworks Spectacular which takes place on Saturday 8 November. This enduringly-popular evening offers funfair rides, candy stalls, hot food, live music and a licensed bar on top of an amazing display of fireworks. Special heritage train services will run to and from Rushcliffe Halt for people travelling from the East Leake area.

Tickets are available in advance or at the gate for all three events.

All aboard the Santa Special!

Santa Claus is back at GCRN for the 2014 Christmas season, with special festive steam train services running every weekend between Saturday 29 November and Saturday 21 December. Two Christmas Eve 'specials' will also be running to really get you into the Christmas spirit before the big day.

As always, there'll be presents for the kids and the chance to tell Santa what they'd like for Christmas this year, and seasonal refreshments for everyone on board. GCRN's shop and café will be open for gifts, drinks and snacks, and both the miniature train and model railways will be in operation. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

You can find out more about all these events at www.gcrn.co.uk or by calling 0115 940 5705.

By Faye Stenson

Table Top Sale

**Saturday 11th October
12.30 – 4 p.m.
St. Peter's Rooms**

Free entry. Refreshments.

Book your table now to sell home-made goods or unwanted car boot items.

Full payment in advance and is not refundable if you can't make it on the day.

Large tables (180 x 70 cm) £10
Small tables (90 x 76 cm) £5
Set up from 11.30

Contact Alison or Donna in the Co-op or ring 0115 921 2010

Raising money for St. Peter's & James Peacock Schools.

“Our ambition was to sell everything related to the trade”

This was by Geoffrey Perkins in the article we ran last month to acknowledge the 30 years “Perkins” Hardware shop has served the village.

Having read the article, local resident Anthony Wilkinson, wrote to the local newspaper, the Post. In his letter he remarked that *“over the years, even if one needed a quite arcane item related to DIY, it was almost certain that they stocked it”*. He also alluded to the fact that his wife would often say *“Get over to Mr Perkins’ shop, he will have one”*

The letter also commended the amicable service offered by the shop.

A memory posted recently on a local Facebook page supported this comment.

Apparently several years ago a young male resident went into the shop, to test the theory that they sold everything, and asked “Do you sell Rocket Fuel?”. The answer he received was “Do you want blue or red?”

By Barbara Breakwell

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

The Parish Council, when notified, delivers a planter to Ruddington residents on their golden and diamond wedding anniversaries, and flowers on their 90th, 95th and 100th birthdays.

If you know someone who has a gold or diamond wedding anniversary or 90th, 95th or 100th birthday please let the Parish Council Office know. Contact details are on the back page.

A Quiz with Live Music and a Ploughman’s Supper

If you enjoy quizzes, like guitar music and enjoy a Ploughman’s Supper, then this is the event for you.

Alan and Dave, quizmasters, will test our wits in a varied quiz. They are well known for putting on quizzes to raise funds for Rainbows and other charities.

We also have Tony and Richard on guitars, playing songs from 60’s, 70’s and 80’s during the interval and supper. There will be a bar.



The event is on **Saturday November 1st** at St Peter’s Rooms, Ruddington NG11 6HA starting at 6 30 pm. Admission by ticket only. Tickets are £10 from Choir members or tel: 0115 9899811 email: elizabeth.lister295@gmail.com

The property is wheelchair accessible. Proceeds to Ruddington and District Choral Society, a registered charity.

Struggling to Park in Ruddington?

As the end of the school holiday’s approaches parking will get tighter in Ruddington. Just a reminder that there is shoppers’ parking available at the White Horse (left hand side as you go in) Monday – Saturday 9 -5.

Did You See the new 'Jarrow March' in Ruddington?

The new 'Jarrow March' for the NHs went through Ruddington on 29th August 2014. It is a national campaign which believes that the NHS is under-funded and being privatised. To raise awareness protesters walked from Jarrow in the North East to London following the route of the famous 'Jarrow March' in 1936.



Alpha Reminder

The Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches in Ruddington would like to invite you to come and join us to explore if there is more to life!

Mondays 7.30 pm at the Hermitage, Wilford Road, Ruddington, October 6, 13, & 20th (not 27!).

The course lasts 10 weeks on a Monday evening and is free of charge.

Contact: 07804 590002 or email ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk



2nd birthday for parkrun

Rushcliffe parkrun is celebrating its 2nd birthday on Saturday October 4th.

It is completely free, the distance is 5k, and all runners get their finishing time posted on the Rushcliffe parkrun website (<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/rushcliffe/>).

Since the first Rushcliffe parkrun 3,000 different runners have enjoyed Rushcliffe Park, completing nearly 15,000 runs. Over 200 runners, of all abilities, take part every Saturday morning, whatever the weather.

The 2nd birthday run will be celebrated in traditional style with a post run party and more than a little cake!!

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