

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

250 houses off Asher Lane?

A planning application has been submitted for 250 houses off Asher Lane from Space Foods Limited. It is an outline application, which means details of the layout and individual houses are not included. These would be dealt with by a further application if the outline permission is granted.

You can find details on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk

The application is number 14/02540/OUT. Paper copies are available to view in the Contact Centre, Rectory Road, West Bridgford, and the Ruddington Parish Council Offices, St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, NG11 6HA. The offices are open weekdays, 9.30

– 12.30 (although they are closed from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day - inclusive). Any comments to Rushcliffe are due in by 14th January.



Public Meeting

The Parish Council will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, 6th January 2015, 7.30 p.m. at St. Peter's Rooms. This will be to give members of the public a chance to view the plans and express an opinion. The agents / applicants are not expected to attend. The plans will be on show from 6.30.

The Parish Council will formally discuss and agree a view to be submitted to the Borough Council on 13th January.

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The Three Crowns & The Three Spices
Easthorpe Street

Land Next to Sellors Play Area Ruddington's Christmas Event

The Clerk and I attended a meeting in December with Oxalis Planning and Bloor Homes. They are preparing to submit an outline planning application for 150 - 180 homes in the fields next to Sellor's Playing Field.

The plan they are thinking about provides a large area on the further side of the brook which is part of the flood attenuation plans and may be available as public open space.

There may be an opportunity to work with them in terms of further developing a Community Hall and other facilities. This might possibly involve a 'land swap' with houses being built on the site of the existing Sellor's Playing Field and a new Community/Village Hall being sited near



the potential public open space which could become a 'new Sellor's Playing Fields' with a car park (possibly for joint use of the Hall and Play Area) with improved facilities.

It was agreed at the Parish Council meeting in December that the Parish Council would hold discussions with Oxalis and Bloor regarding a 'land swap'. Please be clear that while discussions will take place they will not result in an exchange of land unless there is an agreement which is believed to be satisfactory to all parties.

*Councillor Allen Wood,
Chairman of the Parish Council*

Okay, so it's January and the decorations are coming down. But there's still time to reflect on November's very successful village Christmas Event - with a view to repeating it again this year.

The 2014 activities were co-ordinated by the Parish Council and were one hour longer than the year before - from 3pm to 6pm on Saturday the 29th of November. The event was also expanded out of St. Peter's Rooms into the parish church and The Hermitage. This allowed more traders and attractions to complement the extended opening hours of (most) Ruddington shops. Many had created a seasonal window display and opted to have illuminated real Christmas trees installed on their wall, making our village look and feel incredibly festive!



The weather was kind and hundreds of visitors came along from within Ruddington and further afield to shop, see Father Christmas and sing along to the carols in St. Peter's Church. The colourful array of varied stalls within the church itself was a first for the village. It was also great to see so many local groups and organisations getting involved. The queue to meet Santa was

as long as ever! A very popular new attraction was “Picture in a Manger” (see photo) – a chance to be part of The Nativity scene in a marquee beside The Hermitage.

Most people have hailed it a great success. Now suggestions are welcomed on how to make Ruddington’s 2015 Christmas Event even better!

By Graham Wright

A Warm Welcome to Phoenix Flowers

Ruddington is welcoming another addition to its High Street. Phoenix Flowers is now in residence at the site of the former Bluebell Flowers, run by new owner Sally Pickard.



A florist for 12 years, Sally was looking for a permanent base and was delighted when the premises became available as she knows Ruddington well through her involvement with the Brownies.

The shop was officially opened as part of the village’s Christmas event and Sally was overwhelmed by the positive response she received.

“We’ve given the shop a makeover and it’s now lovely, light and bright,” she says. “We opened late on the day of the Christmas event and people dropped in

for tea and a look around and we had lots of really nice comments and feedback.

“We offer a full range of floristry services, so whether you need some flowers for a gift or would like us to prepare the flowers for your wedding, or a funeral, we can offer you plenty of advice. You’ll also find some lovely giftware in amongst the flower displays!”

Joined by her colleagues Stella Robertson and Elaine Jones, Sally is looking forward to 2015 and bringing her expertise to even more Ruddington residents in the shape of her ‘have-a-go-at-floristry’ courses, which she’s running on 10, 15 and 17 January. Each two-hour course is aimed at showing people how much fun flower arranging can be – so whether you’ve tried your hand before or are a complete novice, you’ll be sure to enjoy creating your own floral handiwork.

Phoenix Flowers is open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am-5pm (3pm on Wednesdays and 6pm on Fridays). To get in touch or find out more about joining a course, contact Sally on 0115 921 2300 or email phoenix.flowers@yahoo.co.uk

By Kay Garrett

We Will Remember Them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

1st January 1915

Private **Frank Raymond Mee**, aged 23, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment).

Son of Mrs. Ellen Mee, of 3, Station Rd, Ruddington.

Memorial: Le Touret Memorial, France.

New GCRN leaflet out now

Already planning family days out for 2015? Then you'll want a copy of the new GCRN events and information leaflet, available now. The leaflet gives a preview of next year's events and activities at our local heritage railway, along with updated timetables and fares for steam and diesel running days.

Once again, GCRN has a packed agenda in store for 2015, from Easter 'Eggpress' Steam Specials (complete with the Easter Bunny), to the ever popular Firework Spectacular and Santa Specials to round off the year.

The months in between will see the return of popular annual events celebrating heritage road transport, model railways and, of course, steam and diesel trains from across the UK. Nottinghamshire Freemasons will also



be running a second Family Fun Day at GCRN on 17 May, featuring a range of attractions, side shows and rides.

A new activity for 2015 will be the Edward the Bear Specials, taking place over the May and August Bank Holiday weekends. These fun events will give children the opportunity to meet Edward the Bear on the train and take part in the Great GCRN Bear Hunt. There'll be prizes for the Bear Hunt winners and goody bags for all the children.

You can download a copy of the GCRN 2015 leaflet from www.gcrn.co.uk or call 0115 940 5705 to request a copy. Copies are also available to collect from the GCRN gift shop and café.

By Faye Stenson

Work Due To Start Soon On GCRN Bridge

Construction work on a new bridge that will link our local heritage railway, Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN), with its GCR counterpart in Loughborough is set to start early in 2015.

Charnwood Borough Council has recently granted planning permission to build a brand new bridge over the Midland main line, which will reunite the two sections of the GCR and create an 18 mile long heritage railway.

Gaining planning permission is a major milestone for the project, which will see a 36 metre long bridge built over the Midland main line, close to where the A60 crosses the road in Loughborough.

When the bridge is in place, railway enthusiasts will be treated to the sight of heritage steam trains crossing the bridge whilst modern electric trains hurtle along underneath.

The GCR has committed to paying for the bridge to be built, and for associated works that also need to be carried out, and has set a fundraising target of £1 million. So far, more than £500,000 has been donated to the Bridge to the Future Appeal by well wishers from across the UK and overseas.

If you'd like to find out more about the project, or donate to the appeal, please visit www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify.

By Faye Stenson

Community Bus

Can you help? More volunteers are needed as Driver & Escort for the Community Bus. If you have a few hours on a Wednesday morning contact the Parish Council Office (see back page).

The Community Bus runs every Wednesday morning. Collect between 9.30 and 11 with the return journey between 11 & 12.



There is room for more passengers: Ring the Parish Council. The provision is for 'less abled' people.

Congratulations to Our Local Girls.

St Peter's School Girls Cricket and Football Team won the Primary School Team of the Year Award at the recent Rushcliffe Sports Awards.

The award was presented to the girls by Nottingham Rugby Club Players Dan Montagu and Billy Robinson.

The football team became Rushcliffe Area champions, Nottinghamshire County Champions and Midland Regional champions, before getting knocked out in the semi finals of the National finals to the eventual winners.

6 of the girls also helped the school to become Kwik Cricket champions for Rushcliffe and then Nottinghamshire.

Representing Nottinghamshire at the National finals at Edgbaston, the team narrowly lost in the final.

By Barbara Breakwell

“If you see something, do something....”

Recently, as I walked home at 6pm when it was dark, I noticed a street light that wasn't working on my road.

2 days later I noticed water seeping out of the tarmac on Asher Lane. My first reaction to both was “**someone needs to do something about that**”.

Then I quickly realised that that “**someone**” was me!

Firstly I contacted Nottinghamshire County Council, as I knew they were responsible for Street Lights. Next evening it was working.

Regarding the leak I contacted Severn Trent Water. Although it was a Friday I saw a team there over the weekend tracing the problem and by Tuesday the road had been dug up, pipe repaired and tarmac reinstated. **RESULT!**

Severn Trent actually thanked me for letting them know and make the pertinent comment that if “they don't know about a problem how can they resolve it?”

If you feel inclined to be that **someone** the people you need to contact are

Rushcliffe Borough Streetwise Team for litter or graffiti

Nottinghamshire County Council for faulty street lights and traffic lights, excessive weeds or plant growth on pavements, damaged pavements, flooding or drainage problems on roads.

Severn Trent for water leaks.

All have website reporting systems or they can be phoned.

Thank you

By Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Diary

January 2015

Sunday 4th January

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. 'Clifton Grove to Beeston Weir'. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 5th January

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - "New Year Party" at 2.30pm

Wednesday 7th January

Ruddington District Probus Club - "The Myths and Realities of GPS" by Prof Terry Moore. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

History Society - "History, Development and Future of the Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, by Alan Kemp. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

Saturday 10th January

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

Tuesday 13th January

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

Environment Committee - at St. Peter's 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 14th January

Ruddington W.I. - "Mad about a Boy", by David Darby. Competition: A Limerick about Noel Coward. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 15th January

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.

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

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

Friday 16th January

Ruddington Business Partnership - FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms (note new venue) from 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Framework Knitters Museum - David Darby presents "Mad about a Boy - the Life of Noel Coward" at 2.30pm.

Sunday 18th January

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

Tuesday 20th January

Defibrillators Come to Ruddington - free training session provided by The Community Heartbeat Trust on how to access and use the machines. At St. Peter's Rooms, 7pm to 9pm. Contact the Parish Council office to book a place on 0115 914 6660 or email office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wednesday 21st January

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - "Hedgehogs" by Mrs A Hall at 2.30pm

Ruddington District Probus Club - "President's Charity - Save the Children" Jane Piggott. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Tuesday 27th January

Parish Council - at St. Peter's 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.

Friday 30th January

Framework Knitters Museum - Chris Weir presents "The Nottinghamshire Heritage" at 2.30pm.

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 January.

February 2015

Sunday 1st February

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. 'Old Road, The Spinney and Sharphill Wood'. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Wednesday 4th February

Ruddington District Probus Club - "TBA" At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

History Society - "Murder, Misfortune and Mystery - Nottingham's Coro-

ners Peter Hammond. St. Peter's Rooms at 8pm.

Tuesday 10th February

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

Framework Knitters Museum - Rebekah Wood presents "The Knitters Tale - Exploring the History of Framework Knitting through Contemporary Practice" at 7.30pm.

Amenities Committee - at St. Peter's 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 11th February

Ruddington W.I. - "Medical Detection Dogs", by Wendy Coley. Exhibition: A Picture of a Doggy Hero. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 14th February

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.

Sunday 15th February

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

Wednesday 18th February

Ruddington District Probus Club - "Development of the Calendar" At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 19th February

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.

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

Christmas Business Window Display Competition 2014

Another brilliant competition and a huge thank you to all 17 businesses who took part. Once again Ruddington looked very festive and welcoming and the displays showed the hard work the businesses had put into creating their designs. The difficult task of choosing the winners was done by a team of independent judges consisting of Rev. Andrew Buchanan from St. Peter's Church, Rev. Simon Rose from the Methodist Church and Rev. Sam Hackett from the Baptist Church.



The results were:

1st place – The Lovely Little Wool Shop

2nd place – Amanda Findlay Eyecare

3rd place – The Co-operative Store

The presentation of the prizes was carried out by the Vice Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, Cllr. Ken Piggott.

Cllr. Marion Pell

Ruddington Mum's Welcome

Question: *What do you get if you put 40 Ruddington mums in a room with good food, wine and no children?*

Answer: Laughter, noise and new friendships galore! An evening in late November saw the latest meet up meal, organised by 'Ruddington Mums' (the Facebook group that provides a central point of discussion for the community) at the Ruddington Arms.

Having only moved to the village in September, I decided to take the plunge and go along even though I knew very few of the people attending.

The beginning of the evening felt like I'd wandered into a speed dating event: name badges were doled out and a random seating plan had been drawn up to avoid any 'cliques' developing and leaving others left out. However, this approach proved to be a master stroke as people were soon chatting freely without the embarrassment of not knowing anyone's name and without the terror of approaching a group of friends who had all clearly been big buddies for years!

As the evening wore on and the wine flowed, I discovered interesting things about my fellow table-mates – namely that one lady and I could feature as opposites on 'OCD Cleaners', there may be a problem with bingo addiction in the village and that I must have another baby a.s.a.p. just so that I can attend Nappacinos!

The food was absolutely excellent and by the end of the night we were all thoroughly stuffed and speculating over a coffee as to whether the men had all coped without us (which they obviously had).

All in all the evening was yet more evidence for a newbie like me that Ruddington is indeed the friendliest place I've ever lived.

So if you see a post on Ruddington Mums advertising a night out (they are approx. every 3 months) and like me your first thought is "that's not for me" then come down and join us for the next one and be prepared to be proven wrong! [NB dads and non-parents welcome too!].

Sally Whittle.

Vacancy - Voluntary Role: General Club Secretary

The football club is looking for a volunteer to take on the important role as General Club Secretary. Duties are varied and revolve around being the main point of contact for parents and organisations.

Whilst not paid, the job is rewarding as our key recipients are the children and parents of Ruddington and District.

Support will be offered by the Club Management Team and the outgoing Secretary who will be able to offer ongoing advice.

Key factors for the job:

- Want to be an active member of well organised and friendly club;
- Be computer literate;
- Must be diligent and quick in checking and dealing with emails;
- Be happy and competent in producing written drafts on behalf of the club; and
- A calm and diplomatic nature – would be very advantageous!

Interested? Contact Paul Disney – Vice chair on 0796 734 2832.

Ruddington Village Plan

You may remember reading that a group of volunteers were preparing a consultation questionnaire to compile the Ruddington Village Plan – a report which '**will present your views for Ruddington's future**' and you may have wondered how this project is getting along and what stage it has reached.

One year down the line and many of the sections you asked the group to cover have been discussed with a list of relevant questions already outlined. Recently we have been compiling questions based on road safety, police presence, access to premises for people with disabilities, the general appearance of the village and what residents would like to see happening in the village open spaces.



Some residents and business people have volunteered to come along and help with specific items to ensure the questions are

appropriate and that the village can act on the responses. The group is also mindful that the Parish Council has several projects in hand, that 'planning' and 'transport' are constantly changing and these changes also need taking in to account.

We hope that the questionnaire will be completed before summer and then begins the bigger process of consulting with you. This is a very important community led project and everyone will be encouraged to participate, give their opinions and respond to the questionnaire to ensure your views are represented. To keep up with our work

to date you can read the minutes on the Ruddington Parish Council website under **Village Plan**. If you have any questions for the group, please email VillagePlan@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk

Linda Cooke

Sec. Village Plan Steering Group.

More Defibrillators in Rudd!

As well as the defibrillators at St. Peter's Rooms and on Elms Park there are also defibrillators at the Dental Surgery, Wilford Road and the Country Park Rangers Office. See page 11 for what to do if someone collapses.

Planning a Party?

Kids' parties are great fun, but as anyone who's ever organised one knows, they can take a lot of planning and organisation. If you're just hosting a small group, or the weather is nice enough to go outside, you might think about holding the party at home. But if you have a larger number, this can start to become stressful. And this is where a party venue comes into its own.

Luckily, you don't need to look to far from your own doorstep to find the perfect place. Ruddington now has plenty of venues to choose from, so depending on the numbers and the type of party you want you can keep your little ones and their friends entertained and occupied.

The Parish Council offers St Peter's Rooms and the Village Hall, so you can bring in your own food and entertainment. Or our new soft play area, Dizzy Rascalz, is another great addition to the village's party places, and the Framework Knitters Museum also has an area available for hire.

Our local schools and playgroups are also popular places, with St Peter's Junior School offering its Basecamp out for hire, and the Hermitage also proving a great choice.

If you fancy hosting a children's tea party, why not get in touch with The Old Bakehouse, for something a little different? Or our very own Country Park also has a room for hire in its idyllic setting.

If you're looking for some entertainment, Little Wickets offers cricket parties at the Village Hall and St Peter's Rooms, or Go Bake can entertain the kids with a cookery party (all you need is access to an oven and a sink). And if you do decide to stay at home, Elegant Pamper Parties can bring the party to you, offering their children's version of their pamper parties.

So next time you're thinking of where to hold your children's party, why not think local?

By Kay Garrett

Ruddington Traffic and Transport Plan

Since the results of the survey came in many individuals have added their further comments, for which we are grateful. The Council will have a draft Plan by the end of January.

This will be open for comments through the website and, for those requesting it, on paper. Posters will be put up advertising the consultation period. Remember that this plan is not just about today or tomorrow, it is looking ahead for several years when anticipating what our needs will be.

Cllr Nick Tegedine

If someone collapses, follow these instructions



ADDITIONAL COMPRESSION/BREATHING INFORMATION

- ♥ If you are unable or unwilling to give rescue breaths just do the compressions continuously.
- ♥ Give 30 compressions at a rate of 100-120 per minute and then give 2 breaths.
- ♥ Repeat 30 compressions and 2 breaths sequence.
- ♥ Continue until help arrives, you are too tired to continue, or the casualty starts breathing normally again.

FOR AN ADULT	USE 2 HANDS & COMPRESS 5-6 cm
FOR A CHILD	USE 1 HAND & COMPRESS 1/3 CHEST DEPTH
FOR AN INFANT	USE 2 FINGERS & COMPRESS 1/3 CHEST DEPTH



Augmented reality – if you would like to see some videos on how to do chest compressions and how to use a defibrillator, use your smart phone to scan these QR codes.

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