

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Success!!!

St. Mary's Community Park Official Opening.

On Saturday 28th February St. Mary's Community Park Project was delighted to host the official opening of Phase 1 of the community park. The aim of the afternoon was to say a huge thank you to all who have contributed and supported our endeavours during the last two years.



We were overwhelmed by the fantastic turnout by both the general public and invited guests on what can only be described as a dull and chilly February day! Adults were able to enjoy a glass of fizz and tasty strawberries whilst children were treated to hand made cakes and biscuits kindly made by

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members of Ruddington Baptist Church. Ruddington Fun provided fun art activities for the children to enjoy, and Ruddington Day Nursery were busy all afternoon turning children into their favourite characters by means of face painting. Once again we thank you all for your support and hard work.

Isaac and Finlay Herbison proudly cut the ribbon in memory of their mummy Nikki Herbison, together with Adrian, Nikki's husband. Sadly, Nikki who had been the Chair of the Committee, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in May last year, and whilst the day was in celebration, it was also in fond memory of Nikki, much cherished and missed!

Following the ribbon cutting, children gathered in and around the new play equipment and released balloons into the air!

Cheryl Raynor from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) presented a plaque to commemorate the installation of Phase 1. The WREN funding was the much needed cash boost we were looking for to be able to install the phase 1 play equipment.

We would like to thank everybody who has helped out or donated along the way, and we ask that you continue to support us for Phase 2. We are delighted that so many of you came along to share in the celebrations! It was a truly special afternoon for all!

St. Mary's Community Park Group

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 April.

Bridge Appeal tops £700k

2015 is set to be the 'The Year of the Bridge' for Great Central Railway Nottingham (GCRN) as their appeal to raise funds to build a new bridge steams ahead towards its £1 million target. Currently standing at over £730,000, the Bridge to the Future Appeal is raising funds to build a bridge over the Midland Main Line so that the Ruddington and Loughborough sections of the Great Central Railway can be joined together – creating an unbroken 18 mile stretch of heritage railway.



The two railways were originally part of the Sheffield-Marylebone Great Central Railway, which opened in 1899. The new bridge will form part of works to close a 500m gap between the two lines at Loughborough, enabling steam trains to travel down a section of the GCR line that's been closed since the 1960s.

Work on the new bridge will start in spring 2015 and should be completed by the autumn. GCR Loughborough and GCRN are working closely with Network Rail on the project and have recently agreed a new design which will see a brand new 30m bridge deck being built. To complete the unification works, another new bridge will have to be built over Railway Terrace in Loughborough and 300m of embankment will need reinstating.

Speaking to the Nottingham Post, Director of GCRN, Alan Kemp, said: *'2015 will be an exciting time for what we believe is one of the most high profile projects in national railway preservation. However, we can't be complacent and we urgently need to raise the remaining amount required to reach the £1 million target. Although there are further major works needed and more funding to be raised, I look forward to trains running across the completed link before the end of the decade.'*

For more information about the project or to make a donation, please visit www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify.
Faye Stenson

RUDD (Remove Unacceptable Dog Dirt) update

I would like to thank all those residents who have requested action packs or been in contact re this ongoing village campaign. Sad faces have been appearing around the village as concerned residents have spotted abandoned deposits. Some have even contacted Rushcliffe Borough Council and are full of praise for the quick response of the Streetwise Team in coming to remove the offending dirt.

I was recently helping at the opening of the new Community Park and sadly it was necessary to bag several "calling cards" before the event started.

If you want to report a dog fouling offence contact Rushcliffe Borough Council on (0115) 981 9911 or go on line rushcliffe.gov.uk. They are the enforcing authority.

Free action packs are available from the Parish Council office or by emailing ruddington2012@virginmedia.com

Barbara Breakwell

A Pizza Italy in Ruddington

Ruddington's **White Horse Inn** has expanded its menu to include a very Italian delicacy.

The Church Street dining pub has extended its kitchen and installed a brand new oven to offer authentic stone baked pizzas.



Monday 23rd March was "Pizza Tasting" opening night when the place was packed with people trying out the new stone baked pizzas at just £5 for as much as they could eat!

Sanity has now returned and pizzas are available everyday 12noon to 9pm to eat in or to pick up and take away.

Meanwhile **The Bricklayers Arms** on High Street is now serving food. It has a new daytime Coffee Lounge offering freshly ground coffee, home made snacks and cakes from **Julia's Kitchen**, plus a full evening dining menu. There are also traditional Sunday Lunches available from 12 noon until 4pm.

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



'Huge thanks to everyone who came to the James Peacock Food Fair. The event raised an amazing £800. Watch this space... next year's event is planned to be even bigger and better!'

Egg-citing Easter fun!

There's plenty to keep the kids (and adults) amused in Ruddington this Easter holidays, with a range of fun events and activities on offer.

The Easter theme kicks off on Good Friday 3 April with the Framework Knitters Museum's annual 'Bunnies & Bonnets' event, 11am to 4pm. Activities include the ever-popular knitted bunny hunt and 'Guess the weight of the cake'. Family tickets cost £10 but there's free entry for any child with a bunny or Easter bonnet. Call 0115 984 6914 for information. (The museum is also open for the 2015 season from Wednesday 1 April).

Junior railway enthusiasts will love the Easter 'Egg-spress' Steam Specials at GCRN on Easter Sunday and Monday (5 and 6 April), from 10am to 5pm. Heritage steam services will run on both days,

with the Easter Bunny on board to greet the kids and hand out chocolatey gifts. Weather permitting, there'll also be an Easter Egg Hunt. The miniature and model railways will be open and you'll have the chance to admire GCRN's latest visitor: a Eurostar Power Car Class 373/2 No 3308, courtesy of Eurostar International. Family tickets cost £25. Visit www.gcrn.co.uk for details.

Tuesday 7 April sees a brief departure from the Easter egg theme, with the return of Ruddington Fun for the school holidays. A free drop in session will take place at the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon, with craft activities, a baby and toddler area, and 'Drumming with Jude'. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Rangers at Rushcliffe Country Park will be leading combined Den Build & Egg Hunt activities on Wednesdays 8 and 15 April, from 10am to 12 noon. Children will enjoy building a study shelter in the woods, followed by an educational Easter Egg Hunt with a chocolate reward. Tickets cost £5 per child and are available in advance from the Ranger's Office. Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing for the weather and is accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 16 April sees a return to the Framework Knitters Museum for Nottinghamshire Woollen Woods – a unique event in partnership with Rushcliffe Country Park and Voluntary Arts England. Children and adults of all ages are invited to join museum staff and volunteers from 11am to 4pm, to create woollen birds and cherry blossom which will be used to decorate the trees at the Country Park. Call 0115 984 6914 for more information.

By Faye Stenson

Honeycomb Spring /Summer Launch

The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop warmly invites you to its Spring /Summer Launch to be held at the Honeycomb 3 Church Street on Wednesday 15th April between 3-8pm.

All our Spring and Summer fashions and accessories will be available for the first time with a 10% reduction on the day! Drinks and nibbles will also be served. So come along and grab yourself a bargain!!
Zoë Parton

Have Your Say

At the Annual Parish Meeting you can have your say on local issues like the possible planning application on Wilford Road and the potential 'land swap' of Sellor's Playing Field.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 21st April 2015, 7.30 p.m. at St. Peter's Rooms. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council and cannot make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. But at this meeting any elector in Ruddington can attend and have their say on anything related to Ruddington (as a parish area). The Chairman of the Parish Council, if present, must chair the meeting.

Councillor Allen Wood, the current Chairman of Ruddington Parish Council, has decided that, amongst other items, it would be helpful to let local electors have their say on the possible planning application from Bloors on Wilford Road and the potential 'land swap' of Sellor's Playing Field.

Allen said "This is a first step in consulting local people but I must stress it is not a meeting at which binding decisions can be made on these issues.

There is still a long way to go before all the information is there for a decision to be made. When the information is in, and the Parish Council has considered it, there will be a further opportunity for people to have their say before the final decision is made."

Little Seedlings do it again!

We have done it again, another year with some of the same children and parents and some new ones joining in the fun, braving the cold weather to raise money for Red Nose Day 2015.



The weather was not forecast well, but it takes more than that to put us off and lucky enough the sun came out just before we were due to all meet up. Some of us walked, others ran, one scooted around and two walked in the wrong direction at times, but we all did it and managed to get all the way around the lake at Rushcliffe Country Park.

All the families were presented with a certificate for taking part and we all enjoyed homemade cakes at the end.

Thank you to all that took part and for all your kind donations that will go towards a very good cause.

For more detail about Little Seedlings Childminders, and all the other fun things that we do please feel free to contact Jane on 07748025281.

Jane Garner

Ruddington Diary

April 2015

Wednesday 1st April

Framework Knitters Museum - Museum opens Wednesdays to Saturdays, 11am to 4.30pm, Sundays 1.30pm to 4pm.

Ruddington District Probus Club - "Civilisation, democracy, freedom, the City state and its relevance to our progress towards democracy" by Bob Cullen. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Alpha Course Week 6 - 7.30pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road, NG11 6HW. Contact 07804 590 002 or email ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk.

Friday 3rd April

Easter Bunny Hunt - at the Framework Knitters Museum 11am to 4pm.

Sunday 5th April

Easter "Egg-spress" Steam Specials - GCRN 10am to 5pm.

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. "Lady Bay to Holme Pierrepont Country Park". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Easter Sunday Lunch - at The Country Cottage Hotel 12 noon to 3pm.

Monday 6th April

Easter "Egg-spress" Steam Specials - GCRN 10am to 5pm.

Tuesday 7th April

Ruddington Fun - at the Village Hall 10am to 12 noon.

Ruddington Methodist Women's

Fellowship - "Did you know.....?" by Mrs L McCoullough at 2.30pm

Wednesday 8th April

Easter Holiday Den Build & Egg Hunt - Rushcliffe Country Park 10am to 12 noon.

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

Saturday 11th April

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 14th April

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

Planning Meeting: Only held if required - 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 15th April

Easter Holiday Den Build & Egg Hunt - Rushcliffe Country Park 10am to 12 noon.

Ruddington District Probus Club - "The Copper Booms in Wales" by Prof & Mrs Sam Harris. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 16th April

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.

Nottinghamshire Woollen Woods - at Framework Knitters Museum 11am to 4pm.

Friday 17th April

Ruddington Business Partnership

- FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms from 8am to 9am. **Southside Soul Night** - at The Country Cottage Hotel 7pm to midnight.

Saturday 18th April

Brides Lunch - at The Country Cottage Hotel 11am to 8pm.

Sunday 19th April

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

Tuesday 21st April

Ruddington Methodist Women's Fellowship - "Hayward House" by Mrs A Bateman at 2.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting - at St. Peter's Rooms, 7.30 pm. open to the public. You can raise your views on any items relating to the parish area.

Wednesday 22nd April

Alpha Course Week 7 - 7.30pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road, NG11 6HW. Contact 07804 590 002 or email ruddalpha@yahoo .co.uk.

Friday 24th April

Ladies Lunch - at The Country Cottage 11am to 3pm.

Saturday 25th April

Riding for the Disabled - "Spring Fayre" at St. Peter's Rooms 9am to 12 noon.

Sunday 26th April

Road Transport Event - GRCN 10am to 5pm.

Tuesday 28th April

Environment & Policy Committee Meeting - 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 29th April

Alpha Course Week 8 - 7.30pm at The Hub, 62 Musters Road, NG11 6HW. Contact 07804 590 002 or email ruddalpha@yahoo .co.uk.

Ruddington Gardeners' Association.

An illustrated lecture entitled "World of Roses" by the Internationally renowned rose expert, Ann Bird, followed by complementary refreshments. The Hermitage, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

May 2015

Friday 1st - Sunday 4th May

Ruddington Methodist Church - Flower Festival, all proceeds for the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance and Rainbows Hospice. Admission £3.

Sunday 3rd May

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

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group. "Lady Bay to Holme Pierrepont Country Park". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Wednesday 6th May

Ruddington District Probosc Club - "The Golden Age of Radio" by David Darby. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Alpha Course Week 9 - see above

Saturday 9th May

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 10th May

Bowls Open Day - Loughborough Road 2.30pm to 5pm, all welcome!

All change for Nina and Stef

Two Ruddington residents have taken the plunge and embarked on training for a new career, thanks to an inspiring new programme designed to help people get into teaching.

Nina Proffitt and Stefanie Hardy both already had successful careers but, like many people, decided they wanted a change of direction and a new challenge.

The programme is run by the George Spencer Academy SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training), which offers an intense year of training focused firmly on classroom-based activities.

“I had no background in education or teaching, but I did some work experience before joining the SCITT and loved working in a school,” says Stefanie, who previously worked as a merchandiser for a major retailer. “My job was no longer challenging me, and I decided to go for it. As I’d already forged a career for myself it was a tough choice to make but I’ve never looked back.”

Nina was also looking for a new direction, having worked as a fraud resolution specialist and lab analyst.

“I wanted to continue my learning and help other people at the same time,” she says. “This is a great way to prepare for life as a teacher and especially suits career changers like myself.”

Stef has lived in Ruddington on and off for 27 years, while Nina has been in the village for five years.

Are you looking for a new challenge? Visit www.george-spencer.notts.sch.uk or email SCITT@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk to find out more.

Kay Garrett

Petty crime on the rise in Ruddington?

There seem to have been an unusual number of crimes reported in and around Ruddington in recent months, including burglaries, handbag snatches, thefts of and from cars, and even a motorbike taken from a locked garage. According to police, criminals tend to target certain areas for certain periods of time – and it looks like it’s been our turn recently.



And with the warmer months just around the corner, we could see a further increase in criminal activity, for example due to windows being left open or sheds unlocked. However, we can all do our bit to deter thieves and other petty criminals by taking a few extra precautions and staying vigilant when we’re out and about in the village.

For example:

- Keep any accessible windows closed and locked unless you’re in the room.
- Keep external doors locked at all times and consider fitting a security chain.
- Protect your home with Smartwater technology – it’s free from our local police.
- Leave a light or the radio on if you’re going out for the evening.

- Keep sheds and garages locked and, if possible, hide valuable items from view.
- Don't keep tools in your car or van overnight.
- Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle, even it's a worthless item. A thief might break into your car on the off chance it's valuable.
- Don't put your handbag or other valuables in the boot after parking your car – someone could be watching. Leave them at home or take them with you.
- Consider increasing general security in your home. E.g. fitting a burglar alarm, buying a safe to store valuables, or upgrading the locks on your doors and windows.
- If you see something suspicious, please report it so the incident can be investigated. Remember: if it isn't reported, it isn't happening!

You can find more information about crime and policing in the village at the Parish Council website. To report an incident that you've witnessed or are witnessing, ring 101. If it's an emergency or you feel threatened, always call 999 immediately.

You can also contact our local beat officers directly:

Beat Manager PC Rob Archer:
07702 141 804

PCSO Vee White: 07702 141 778

PCSO Jonny Wilkinson: 07525 226 593

By Faye Stenson

Volunteers needed

Do you enjoy driving and meeting people?

Do you have time on your hands?

If so we are keen to hear from you.

Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme has an excellent team of volunteer drivers who use their own cars to help people get out and about locally, travel to surrounding villages and Nottingham. Passengers can book to go shopping, to the hairdressers, visit relatives in addition to booking trips to the doctor, dentist or opticians.



We need more voluntary drivers in Ruddington to enable us to meet the increasing number of requests for lifts. We ask that volunteer drivers commit to a two hour availability time slot which can be flexible and vary from week to week. You choose and let us know when you are available.

For further information please contact Penny and Mel at Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service on 0115 9699060.

Email: transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk
Website: www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk

New out-of-hours care for Rushcliffe residents

A new scheme is being piloted in Rushcliffe, offering patients from the region an urgent care service at the Gamston Medical Centre.

Staffed by GPs, nurses and receptionists from practices across Rushcliffe, the weekend service operates from 8.30am-12.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. It is designed for anyone with an urgent healthcare issue which can't wait until Monday morning.

If you need to access the service, you'll need to call 111 in the first instance. They'll assess you and decide if you need to see a GP, and if so will offer you an appointment. As it isn't a walk-in service, it's important you follow this process as you won't be seen without an appointment.

The service is initially planned to run until the end of September.

Kay Garrett

Survey Update

In 2012 the Parish Council surveyed the village to understand better how the residents of Ruddington spend their leisure time in terms of social, recreational and sporting activities and whether the current facilities support these.

In the 3 years since some things have changed and it is time to update the information. A summary of the results from the 2012 survey is on the Parish Council website at <http://ruddingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/index.php/ruddington-parish-council/village-survey-results/> Paper copies are in the Parish Council office.

If you have anything you would like to add or take away from that summary because of something that has changed please let the Parish Council know either by e-mail or in writing:

Ruddington Parish Council, St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HA. Email: office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The deadline for comments is 30th April.

On the buses at GCRN

Did you know that the Nottingham Area Bus Society is based on the same site as GCRN, our local heritage railway? As you'd expect, the two organisations work closely together, often holding joint heritage transport events, and sharing the resources and facilities available at the GCRN site in Rushcliffe Country Park.



The Bus Society has recently launched a new website, www.nottinghamareabusociety.co.uk, to keep road transport enthusiasts up to date with the Society's latest news, events and additions to their collection. The society prides itself on its portfolio of vehicles, which span a 50 year period from the 1900s onwards and mostly represent local operators such as Barton, NCT, South Notts, Trent and Midland General.

There are lots of opportunities for new members and volunteers to get involved in restoration activities and events. You don't need any specialist skills – just lots of enthusiasm! To find out more, you can visit the website or email info@nottinghamshirebussociety.co.uk.

Road Transport Event

GCRN and the Nottingham Area Bus Society are teaming up on Sunday 26 April to present their springtime Road Transport Event. Trucks, buses and cars from yesteryear will be on display, along with trade stands offering the chance to purchase models and artefacts for your own collections.

Heritage steam or diesel train services will be running at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, and the miniature railway will also be open. Tickets can be booked online at www.gcrn.co.uk or call 0115 940 5705 for more information.

Help Notts Wildlife Trust help our wildlife

The annual Spring Fair at Ruddington to raise funds for the work of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust will be on Saturday 23rd May at St Peters Rooms, Ruddington (10 till 12). Last years event raised a record £1,200. If you can help us in any of the following areas contact.

Provide plants for sale - Gordon Dyne (0115 8784842 or gordon.dyne@gmail.com)

Bake some cakes - Margie Richards (0115 9376320 or marjeff637@btinternet.com)

DVD's and CD's - Valerie Holt (0115 9822317 or v.holt1@ntlworld.com)

Vinyl records - Scott Gorman (07828059658 or scottgorman1@btinternet.com)

Hearing aid drop in clinic dates

If you require:

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



Then come along to our planned Hearing Aid Clinic at:
St Peter's Rooms Ruddington Parish Council, Church Street,
Ruddington, NG11 6HA
On:

Every **Third** Thursday of the Month
11.30am - 12.30pm
16th April,
21st May,
18th June,
16th July,
20th Aug,
17th September,
15th October,
19th November,
17th December

If you would like more information about the services we provide please contact Laura Ainsworth, Adult Support Co-ordinator 0115 942 1985.

Still time to be a Parish Councillor

There is still time for you to put your name forward to be a parish councillor. The deadline for handing in the papers to Rushcliffe Borough Council is at 4 p.m. on 9th April. The Parish Council office has copies of the papers that you need.

If you can't get into the office ring and leave a message or e-mail. We will get the papers to you.

In order to complete your nomination you will need a copy of the electoral register for the ward in which you are standing. There is a form in the pack for requesting this, which can be posted to the Borough Council (or scanned in and e-mailed).



A change for this year is that nomination papers must be delivered to the Borough Council by hand. Ring the Borough Council first to book a 'slot'. The forms do not need to be taken in by the candidate.



For more information contact the Ruddington Parish Council office,

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