

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Tuesday 4th June

Environment & Community Committee Meeting at St Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Thursday 6th June

Orienteering Day - Rushcliffe Ramblers have joined up with Rushcliffe Orienteers to offer an orienteering taster session from 6.30pm to 8pm at Rushcliffe Country Park. £2 entry fee - contact Alan Wilson 0115 953 7652

Friday 7th June

Spring Diesel Gala at GCRN. A 3-day event featuring guest loco as well as GCRN's own fleet of trains from the 60's, 70's and 80's. A special timetable will run along a 10 mile route and the miniature railway will be operating. Trade and sales stands and a real ale bar will also be on offer.

Saturday 8th June

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

Coffee Morning - 10.30am to 12.30pm St. Peter's Church. Pop in for a cuppa! Cake sale & chocolate tombola. Raising money for "Unique" and raising awareness of Rare Chromosome Disorders.

Spring Diesel Gala at GCRN. See Saturday 8th

Music for a Summer Evening - Concert to be held at St. Peter's Church, starting 7pm. Tickets are £5 each or £10 per family, including refreshments. All money raised will be donated to "Unique".

Sunday 9th June

Spring Diesel Gala - See Saturday 8th

Ruddington & District Choral Society - with the Burton Joyce Choral Society, Nottm Hospitals Choir and Djanogly Community Choir at the Albert Hall, Nottm from 7pm. The Inner Wheel Club of Carlton has organised a Concert of British Music to celebrate the Queen's Coronation Anniversary. Tickets £10. Call 0115 956 2667 or Windblowers on 0115 941 0543.

Tuesday 11th June

Finance & Policy Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Thursday 13th June

'**Albert Ball VC**' by Brian Fernley presented by the Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus. St Peter's Rooms commencing 2pm. New members welcome.

Friday 14th June

"Images of the Great War" by David Cohen. At the Western Front Association, 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50

Saturday 15th June

Miniature Traction Engine Rally at GCRN - A host of miniature traction engines and steam vehicles descend on the station. Rides offered throughout the weekend and heritage train services will also run on Sunday.

Sunday 16th June

Miniature Traction Engine Rally See Sat 15th
Tea, Coffee & Cakes at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Friday 21st June

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

Saturday 22nd June

Music Across the Centuries - concert by Jeff Hopewell (baritone) and Simon Lumby (organ and piano). At Ruddington Methodist Church, £6 incl refresh'ts, from Kathy Powis tel: 0115 9845375 or Framework Knitters Museum on 01159846914.

Rt. Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP - Available for Constituents at Rushcliffe House, 17 - 19 Rectory Road, West Bridgford, Nottm, NG2 6BE. By appointment only, contact: Debbie Sugg, telephone 0207 219 5189 or email suggd@parliament.uk

Wednesday 26th June

"Gardens of Devon and Cornwall" - by John Page at the Ruddington Gardeners' Assoc, the Hermitage comm 7.30pm. Membership is just £1 pa but non-members also welcome to come along.

Saturday 29th June

Car Boot Sale & Summer Fair - see page 4.

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

A new mini MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) was completed in early May on Vicarage Lane Playing Fields. The hard surfaced area offers the option for informal football as well as providing an eagerly awaited basketball facility. The project was made possible due to funding from the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme.
(By Barbara Breakwell)

ALTERATIONS TO PROPOSED NEW WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN RUDDINGTON VILLAGE

The Parish Council has now received notification from Nottinghamshire County Council of changes to the original proposals for new waiting restrictions and revised times of operation of the existing parking bays in Ruddington. Taking in to account comments and complaints from residents and after consultation with the Parish Council, the following changes are planned (abbrev): Removal of the no waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm from the south side of Church Street and from around the Shaw Street / Church Street junction. Additional no waiting at any time restrictions to allow traffic to pass waiting bus on Church Street and extend no waiting at any time on north side of Church Street by the bus stop. Shorten length of no waiting at any time restrictions at Cumberland Close to 10 meters and fix an additional bollard to the east side to deter parking. Change parking bays outside the Medical Centre on Church Street and part of the existing parking bay on Charles Street to parking Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm for 2 hours. The other proposed parking restrictions outlined in the initial consultation remain unchanged. For more information, please visit the Parish Council Office to view the paperwork. Observations to Jeff Burton, Senior Improvements Officer at NCC before 28th June 2013.

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YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 15th May, Cllr Peter McGowan was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, with Cllr Allen Wood as Vice Chairman. The new Chairman of the Amenities Committee is Cllr David Hall with Cllr Martin Walsh as Vice Chairman. The Chairman of the Environment & Community Committee is Cllr Nick Tegerdine with Cllr Mrs Marion Pell as Vice Chairman. The Finance & Policy Committee Chairman is Cllr Nick Tegerdine with Cllr Ken Piggott as Vice Chairman. All parish councillors can be contacted via the Parish Council Office. At the Nottinghamshire County Council elections, Reg Adair was elected for a further term.

(By Allen Wood)

RUSHCLIFFE MOVE AND MINGLE

Doctors recommend that adults do at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week and walking is an ideal way of doing this. So, for example, walking for 30 minutes on five days a week is all that it takes



to make a difference. Rushcliffe Move and Mingle, part of the Walking for Health initiative, runs three free led walks each week; one of which is in the Rushcliffe Country Park each Wednesday morning at 10.30. A group of walkers who come for various reasons – to get fitter, to walk with company rather than alone or simply to enjoy a walk – meet outside the Education Room and walk in the park for between 45 minutes and an hour. As a mixed ability group, the duration and distance are adjusted to take account of those who turn up to walk. New walkers are always welcome.

We would love to see you on one of these. Why not come and join us? If you

are interested or would like to know more about any of the walks please call Tony on 07754 076044.

TREASURE FINDERS - ST PETER'S JUNIOR SCHOOL



We thought you might like to know about a unique project we have been involved in for the last eighteen months alongside St Peter's Church and Balmore Nursing Home. Every week six Year 3 pupils take a bag or box or treasures to the Balmore Nursing Home on Loughborough Road. Together with Mrs Allcock and Rev Buchanan they spend the next half an hour talking to the residents about their treasures and anything else that takes their fancy. We believe that taking part in this project develops confidence, speaking and listening skills and develops a better awareness of elderly people. Pupils can also explore some of the possible barriers to communication and many of the misconceptions younger people often have with regard to older people. We have had many interesting conversations upon our return about conditions such as dementia and hearing loss. Most importantly however, pupils really enjoy their time at Balmore and we think this is because they get to experience that unique warm feeling that comes of doing something for somebody else which is both simple and free – in this case, providing company and conversation.

RUSHCLIFFE PARKRUN

If you enjoy running, you'll be interested to hear about a new initiative at Rushcliffe Country Park. *parkrun* is a national organisation that arranges free, weekly 5km timed runs in parkland surroundings across the UK. And now *parkrun* has come to Ruddington, with events taking place at Rushcliffe Country Park at 9am every Saturday morning. People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to take part in *parkrun* with the emphasis on having fun rather than setting the fastest possible pace! However, event statistics are recorded and published on the *parkrun* website, so it's a great starting point if you're interested in competitive running. *parkrun* is free, but you'll need to register before your first run and bring a printed copy of your *parkrun* barcode with you to each event. Afterwards, everyone's welcome to grab a coffee at the Country Park's Education Centre, where you can get to know your fellow runners in a friendly and relaxed environment. For more information and to complete your one-off registration, please visit www.parkrun.org.uk/rushcliffe.

(By Faye Stenson)

A VILLAGE TOO VAST?

New figures show that the population of Ruddington grew by a dramatic 12% in the first decade of the new millennium alone. A more detailed breakdown of the 2011 Census results has become available from the Office for National Statistics. It reveals that new housing developments in and around our village increased the number of residents from 6441 in 2001 to 7216 in 2011 – with that number set to go up even further in the very near future. In context, this existing rise alone is more than DOUBLE Ruddington's *entire population* of just 320 people recorded in 1603! So is our village growing too quickly? Ruddington residents were quick to give their verdicts via Twitter @Ruddington_info:

Nicholas Broadberry commented "This village cannot sustain this amount of people so quickly." Vasily Chuikov agreed, saying "Enough growth now I think. Any larger and we will be a small town and/or part of a conurbation." Craig is waiting to hear the latest on the Pasture Lane proposal: "101 homes, many 3/4 beds will add about 300 to that figure" he estimates "and the planning application called for a new roundabout Clifton/Wilford Road due to the increase in traffic volume" – which prompted this response from Mark Swift: "Great ... even more traffic clogging up the village (town)!" The existing levels of congestion are already a concern for Justin Whittaker who says we "need to also stop selfish drivers ignoring the rush hour no parking signs outside Sainsbury's. Hope they all get tickets!" But Nigel King reckons the population increase is NOT that dramatic. "It works out at about an extra 80 people a year over 10 years," he says. "Is it not good news for local business?" Future planning and building plans for Ruddington can be found online via www.rushcliffe.gov.uk. (Graham Wright)

FREE ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING

If you're one of the growing number of people who own an electric car, you can now charge it up for free at Central College Nottingham's Ruddington campus. In April the College opened two new charging points or 'green bays' that can be used by all members of the Plugged In Midlands electric car group.



The latest electric car models have a range of around 80 miles. The group is hoping to install a total of 500 green bays across the East Midlands in the next couple of years, to make it easier for owners to find a charging point and keep their cars on the road. (By Faye Stenson)

young people are at its heart there is an opportunity to express a view, for example an area for dog walkers. Please use one of the quoted options for returning completed forms, including on line. If you want further information try newplayground@ymail.com

(By Allen Wood)

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 15th May, the Parish Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs Rachel Wilson as parish councillor for Camelot Ward. Rushcliffe Borough Council has been advised of the vacancy and if an election is not called by 10th June, the Parish Council will co-opt to fill the vacancy. Please check the Parish Council Notice Board for more information or ring the Parish Council Office.

DO YOU SHOP AT ASDA?

If so, next time you are shopping and you are handed your green charity coin "Ruddington Fun" would be delighted if



Ruddington Fun

you would pop it in their collecting box near the exit. They have been selected as one of the current nominated groups and once again will be providing activities in the village during the upcoming school summer holidays. Details of the activities on offer from them and other organisations in and around the village will be distributed widely at the beginning of July.

END OF THE ROAD

After decades of serving the holiday needs of Ruddington residents our dedicated local travel agent has ceased trading. Ruddington Travel closed its doors for the final time at the end of May, with customers being told their existing

bookings would be handled by another independent travel business in Keyworth. Owner Nicola McCormick took over Ruddington Travel eight and a half years ago and said "It is with regret that we will be closing on Friday 31st May 2013. We would like to thank all our customers for their loyalty. It's really sad to have to do this because it's obviously a loss of another unique amenity in the village.

"But we didn't want to leave people in the lurch" says Nicola "so all our current customers and bookings are now being taken care of by Roma Travel, which is based at 21 Main Street in Keyworth. If you need help or information you can call them on 0115 937 2222 – although our existing Ruddington phone number is also being diverted there for the time being". Nicola is now concentrating all her efforts on her successful local venue dressing company "Stylish Event".

(By Graham Wright)

POLICING

Our Beat Manager, PC Ann Gill says:

"I have recently been told that youngsters are using green open spaces in the village to consume alcohol. Whilst I cannot confirm whether these youngsters are under age or not, can I ask parents to be vigilant as to whether their children are drinking illegally. Are your children (under 18's) coming in smelling of alcohol and if so, where are they getting it from? Are adults providing or purchasing alcohol for the under 18's – if so, be aware that it is an offence to purchase alcohol for children. We will be paying attention to the open spaces for this and for any other anti-social behaviour."

Police contact numbers are:

Dial 101 - for non emergencies

Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill – tel: 07702 141 724

Our (temporary) PCSO is Verena (known as Vee) White – tel: 07702 141 778

IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

BRINGING COLOUR TO THE VILLAGE



You may have noticed that three large planters have appeared in the village – one on the corner of Easthorpe Street / Loughborough Road, one on Wilford Road and one on The Green. These lovely planters were purchased by the Environment & Community Committee and the Parish Council groundstaff planted them up in May - initially with long term planting but annuals and bulbs will be added according to the season. It is hoped that if successful, more planters will be added next year in other locations and the scheme will be rolled out further in future years. However, the success (or not) of this scheme does depend on some assistance from residents keeping an eye on the planters, removing any debris (cans, crisp packets, etc), giving the plants some water during a dry period and reporting any problems to the Parish Council so that it can be dealt with.

WAR MEMORIAL 90 YEARS ON

Cadets from 2425 (Nottingham Airport) Squadron ATC and Ruddington Detachment Army Cadets took part in a unique event exactly 90 years after the memorial was first unveiled and dedicated on 19 May 1923. Reverend A Buchanan conducted the Re-dedication and Thanksgiving Service. The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Mr P Webster. The congregation included about 100 members of the general public together with members of the County and

Parish Councils and members of the Ruddington and District Branch, RBL. Family members of at least two WW1 casualties were also present. The restoration work came about after an inspection undertaken on behalf of Ruddington Parish Council found that weather damage and general wear and tear over the years had taken its toll. The Parish Council made a successful application for funding from the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme and local stonemason Mark Stafford was appointed to undertake the work.



Marilyn Parker, secretary Ruddington Branch, RBL said "Being able to mark the completion of the restoration work exactly 90 years to the date since the Memorial was first unveiled is a very fitting way to remember and commemorate all the Casualties of War from Ruddington. It is particularly important that the Memorial has been restored to its former glory as 11 November 2014 will mark 100 years since the start of WW1"

A453 LINK TO RUDDINGTON

If you have used the A453 recently you will be aware that a major project is currently underway to widen the stretch between the A52 and J24 of the M1. Since the early 1980's various consultations and public enquiries have discussed the need to do something to improve this "gateway" to Nottingham. Over this 30 year period the scheme has

been in and out of “mothballs” until work finally began in January this year. The Senior Project Manager of the scheme is Jonathon Pizzey who lived in Ruddington from 1971 to 1986. He attended the local schools and West Bridgford School before going to university. He then started his career within the transport / highways sector, first in London and then Birmingham. His parents remained in the village until approximately 10 years ago. Jonathon will be working close to his former home until the expected completion date for the project which is scheduled for summer 2015.
(By Barbara Breakwell)

LIBRARY GETS A FACE-LIFT



Our local library has recently benefitted from a lick of paint, new carpets, etc. and is looking very smart. It is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 6pm, Friday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

PARTNERSHIP RE-LAUNCH

The Ruddington Business Partnership was originally set up by Ian Wilson and was very successful at bringing together local businesses from Ruddington and surrounding villages. As Ian is longer able to run the group it is now being co-ordinated by Shamshad Walker. The aim of the group is to provide a relaxed and informal way for local businesses to meet and build relationships.

The Ruddington Business Partnership meets on the third Friday of each month at Philo's, 2 High Street, Ruddington, Nottingham, NG11 6EH. It's free to attend and runs from 8am to 9am. Just buy a drink and come upstairs and meet other local businesses. Shamshad is really excited about getting to know local businesses and is confident that the group will build up momentum again very quickly. They already have a wide range of different business owners attending. As well as the meetings Shamshad is planning to launch a monthly newsletter which will allow local businesses to share good news and information with others. Please feel free to pop along, there is no need to book. If you would like a chat before hand to find out more about the group contact Shamshad directly on 0115 969 9415 or email shamshad@shamshadwalker.co.uk

GARY TAKES TO THE SKIES!

Ruddington resident Gary Johnson has now completed his 10,000 foot sky dive in aid of Meningitis UK. So far, Gary has raised over £550 for the charity and is still collecting donations online at www.justgiving.com/Gary-johnson3.



(By Faye Stenson)

SUMMER FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday June 29th is Armed Forces Day and also the annual fund raising event at St Peter's School on Ashworth Avenue. From 10 am till 2 pm they will be hosting various stalls, activities and a car boot to raise funds for the school and also support Armed Forces Day. Entry is £1 per adult to include a free event



programme and prize draw entry. Children are free. Car boot spaces and stalls are £10 and cars/trailers or vans are £15 and need to be pre booked by phoning 0115 974 3303

RUDDINGTON MUM'S COMMUNITY

*I was beginning to wonder if my social skills had been vaporized by the gas and air, the day I became a mum. We had just moved to Ruddington and I didn't know anyone. My only playmate was 14 months old and she had yet to master the art of conversation. Her social skills also needed some work. Having spent the past 9 months travelling around, 'baby groups' remained uncharted. After one particular lonely day I discovered **Ruddington Mums** on facebook. I wrote, "I'm new, what is there to do?" Within minutes I was overwhelmed by answers (there is a lot to do in Ruddington!) and was promptly invited to a night out. 'The Ruddington mum' founder, Laura Vere had already experienced how I was feeling, prompting her to establish the rapidly growing community group. Her aim was to "bring the community together so no one was at home feeling lonely and missing out due to the lack of info".*



Dining with 20 or so ladies/strangers sounded like a scary prospect. Well it

turns out I was wrong. Within minutes I was chatting to others, who, just like me, wanted to meet new people who lived in the community. The group is open to anyone and this was certainly reflected around the table. I met new mums, old mums, working mums, stay at home mums, mums who had moved from afar... I even met a man who wasn't a mum (just new to the village). Some people knew each other and some did not. I arrived knowing no one and left knowing someone. I was asked several times during the night, why did we choose to live in Ruddington? Well, the answer was sitting around the table. We wanted a good community. (By Sarah Godfrey)

USE IT OR LOSE IT

There are some great classes in the village – everything from Sewing and Knitting to Zumba, Line Dancing and Pilates – whether you want to get fit or learn a craft, in the daytime or in the evening, there's something in the village for you. However, if too many people decide they're too busy to attend for a few weeks, you may find that by the time you go back the class has been forced to close. If you like your class, please support it by attending as often as you can to ensure it continues.



ST MARY'S COMMUNITY PARK

A small group of enthusiastic people wish to see the field which is bounded by St. Mary's Crescent and Ling Crescent put to better use for the benefit of local people. It is under used at present and is a once in a life time opportunity, so please help this to become a reality. How? Those in the area will shortly be receiving a short questionnaire. Whilst