

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Sunday 3rd March

Tea, Coffee & Cakes at the Education Room, Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm.

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group - Colston Bassett incl. ruins of St Mary's Church. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 5th March

Scrabble – Come along and have a game of Scrabble in Ruddington Library. 2pm to 4pm

Wednesday 6th March

'Catherine Compton's Diary' by Stephen Finders presented by Ruddington and District Probus Club at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. 0115 921 4139

Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society AGM and Members Evening. 8pm St Peter's Rms.

Friday 8th March

"British Lorries of the Great War" – a talk by Richard Pullen at the the Western Front Association meeting 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50 incl tea / coffee.

Acoustic Nights at the Red Heart, Easthorpe Street. Every Friday during March from 8.30pm

Saturday 9th March

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

Ruddington Community Choir are holding a concert at the Methodist Church commencing 2.30pm. Tickets £6 (£3 children) – ring 0115 921 3112, 0115 921 2229 or 0115 984 5375.

Thursday 12th March

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local police officers outside the Co-op from 3pm to 4pm

Wednesday 13th March

"The Art of Roof Restoration on Historical Buildings" by Jon Castleman presented by Ruddington Women's Institute at St Peter's Rooms, comm 7.15pm. Visitors / new members welcome.

Thursday 14th March

"Flowers for Easter" - Presented by Jane Walden at the Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus at St Peter's Rms 2pm. Visitors/new members welcome.

Sunday 17th March

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

Tuesday 19th March

Environment & Community Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.30pm (Note: this was planned for a Parish Council Meeting which is now cancelled)

Wednesday 20th March

Ruddington and District Probus Club – AGM at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Ring 0115 921 4139

Spring & Summerwear Launch – The Honeycombe Christian Charity Shop warmly invites you to the launch of their spring and summerwear clothing launch from 7pm to 9pm. Nibbles will be served. 10% discount for all purchases made on the evening!

Safer Neighbourhoods – Meet with your local police officers to discuss issues in your area. James Peacock School, from 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Saturday 23rd March

Mini Market to be held at Ruddington Methodist Church from 10.30am to 12 noon. Cake stall, handicrafts and more. Refreshments also available.

Tuesday 26th March

Note: The Amenities Committee Meeting which was planned for this evening is now cancelled

Wednesday 27th March

"Micro-Gardens: Gardening on a Small Scale in Pots, Containers and Baskets" – by Gail Summerfield presented by the Ruddington Gardeners' Assoc at the Hermitage 7.30pm. Membership £1 per year but non-members with an interest in gardening are also welcome. Meeting ends with complimentary refreshments.

Friday 29th March

Bunny Hunt - The annual Bunnies & Bonnets event returns to The Framework Knitters Museum The popular Knitted Bunny Hunt will take place today at the museum on Chapel Street from 11.00am – 4.00pm. Any children with bunnies or wearing bonnets will be given free admission.

Sunday 31st March & Monday 1st April

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF RUDDINGTON - Ruddington Local History & Amenity Society are holding a two day exhibition of pre-1950 photographs of Ruddington . See page 5 for more information.

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Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

THE CO-OP GOOD WITH FUN!



"Ruddington Fun" the local voluntary group who have been providing and promoting school holiday activities in the village for the last 2 years, were recently delighted to receive a very generous donation from our local Co-op Store. Pat Waldram, a staff member for 20 years, organises a weekly bonus ball lottery and half of the monies raised goes to a charity or local cause. Pat, along with the management team of Nigel Howard and Alison Bowley, presented £450 to the group. This will ensure that

"Ruddington Fun" will be able to continue providing activities for the village well into 2013/14. The local Co-op team will be continuing their fundraising with The Carer's Trust being their current nominated charity. A huge **"THANK YOU"** is extended on behalf of the children and families of Ruddington.

(By Barbara Breakwell)

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT KEPT DOWN

The Parish Council has kept the increase in the Precept (part of the Council Tax) to less than 1%. For most people this will mean an increase of under £1 for the year. Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Peter McGowan, said *"I am really pleased that good housekeeping has meant that Ruddington Parish Council can keep our charges down, and below inflation, at a time when many people are struggling"*.

In addition, the Government has brought in new arrangements for making Council Tax Benefit local (the Council Tax Reduction Scheme) which have meant that the Parish Council loses over £3,000 for this year alone. Councillor Nick Tegerdine, Chairman of Finance and Policy Committee, said *"The Parish Council has done well to keep the increase so low, especially with the loss of income due to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. We are mindful that we could lose up to £22,000 next year because of the Government changes and as a result will be hard pressed to maintain services without an increase in the Parish Council Precept, an increase in charges, or both. However, we are constantly making efficiency savings and examining every aspect of our work in order to save more money."*

TRASH OR TREASURE?

One person's trash is another person's treasure...

There is now a Facebook group for the residents of Ruddington to gift their unwanted items to other local people. If you have anything which you no longer need, would rather not sell, or were thinking about throwing away, it is worth seeing if anyone else locally would appreciate it. Also if you are looking for something someone might have knocking about, please post and ask. Gifting is becoming more and more popular these days, I hope this group will help people declutter and also receive items they need or would like. Many people have used Freecycle in the past and it really helps to have a clear out, and helps others too. I'm sure most of you have stuff you need to get rid of, now there is no excuse.... To join in with this initiative you need to request to join the group, which can be found at -

[facebook.com/groups/RuddingtonRecycle](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RuddingtonRecycle)
A full description of the group can be found on the page but a brief overview of the rules are: Items must be free and given, not borrowed or sold. Usually it is a first come first serve basis and items would be collected, unless delivery has been arranged. Obviously this is a kind hearted group, and it is assumed that everyone using the group will keep it that way. No receiving gifted items to sell on, for obvious reasons, it goes against the purpose and ethics of the group, there will be zero tolerance on this.

Please come and join us and recycle items to other local people, the more people in the group. The more successful it will be. (Laura Vere – See also Ruddington Mums on Facebook)



BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

At the end of January Ruddington Parish Council hosted a meeting at the Jubilee Clubhouse for local businesses. The aim was to find out what businesses want more of, and less of, so that Ruddington remains a thriving place to live in and work in. The initiative was not aimed just at the shops and restaurants in the village core, but at all enterprises that contribute to the local economy.

The room was so full it was standing room only. Cllrs Peter McGowan, Ken Piggot, and Nick Tegerdine, along with the Clerk, Gary Long, gave entertaining presentations to the audience. A really productive question and answer session followed with many positive ideas coming from the floor.

Not only will future events be held to build on this success but a regular dialogue will be established so that contemporary issues like parking and litter can be constructively addressed now.

APPEAL FOR CD's, DVD's, ETC

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, through the South Notts. local group, will be having their annual Spring Fair in Ruddington on Saturday 18th May. This year they are hoping to sell old vinyl records (78s, 45s, 33s), music memorabilia, CDs and DVDs. So if you have any of these that are gathering dust and no longer needed, this is an opportunity to dispose of them for a good cause. (No cassettes, thank you).

If you have items for us to sell, please telephone Judith Booth on 0115 923 2515 or e-mail judithb@mypostoffice.co.uk and we can arrange delivery or collection at a convenient time. (Please do **NOT** bring your donations to the Parish Council Office)

CAFÉ CHURCH

Have you ever wanted God but are not so sure about 'church'? So many people feel uncomfortable in a formal service with all of its liturgy and hymns. Well, if this is you then Cafe church may be just what you're waiting for. Cafe church does exactly what it says on the tin – fresh coffee and Croissants, lively good music, a short thought to make you think and activities for the kids – and all in an hour (and bit). It's 10.45am till 12 every first Sunday in the month! All are welcome – no previous church experience necessary!



Students at St John's College playing at Café Church
(By Rev. Andrew Buchanan)

CAMERAS AT THE READY!

This summer the Parish Council will be launching its 'Photographic' Garden Competition again and will be accepting photographs of gardens taken between May and September. Don't be late taking your pictures – after last year's deluge many people had already missed the opportunity to take a photograph of their beloved garden before the floods washed everything away.

And for those people who are interested in photography, the Parish Council's website is due for a review and refurbishment. Started in September 2009, it regularly has more than 10,000 visits each month and has proven very popular with all age groups.

The HOME page will be updated using a scroll of photographs of the village – and that's where you can get involved.



We are looking for photographs taken of different areas / features in the village at different times of year. Even if you only have one photograph that you are particularly pleased with, email it to the Parish Council for consideration. If the photo has members of the public or family members on it, please make sure you have their permission as we will need consent forms signing if we use it.

All contributions will be considered and the successful ones will be notified later in the year. The closing date will be announced when we have received a good number of entries and certainly not before the end of May 2013. So check your memory cards, photo files, etc. and see what you've got – or keep your camera on you when you're out and about in the village – just in case.

(Note: Amateur and professional photos accepted but the Parish Council will not be able to pay to use photographs. Entries must be your own work and must be JPEG or PNG.)

AND FAREWELL

At the end of March, and after nearly 5 years of working as Deputy Clerk, I will be joining the happy band of 'retirees'. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work for Ruddington Parish Council and particularly being involved with the launch and on-going production of the Village Newsletter and the Parish Council website. Many thanks to everyone who has supported me during this time – I will miss you.

(Linda Cooke)

on the Sunday or the museum will be available to explore at your own leisure on Monday afternoon.



This is in the former Ruddington Infants and Girls School and inside you are taken back to Edwardian times with shops, including the oldest Fish & Chip Shop in the world (pictured above) and items that may bring back memories for some! See a pharmacy, telephone exchange, toy shop and schoolroom, along with an ironmongers, cobblers and farm implements.

BORED?

Many people get bored at this time of year – Christmas is over and spring is just around the corner but not quite here. There are loads of activities happening in Ruddington to occupy your mind or your body – or both! There's craft and knitting classes, Zumba and belly dancing, Tai Chi and Pilates, talks and meetings – for all ages and all interests. Go to the Ruddington Parish Council website and look under WHAT'S ON or check out the local notice boards.

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says: "In January 2013, and following agreement with the Parish Council, the PCSO and I have been re-located within St Peter's Rooms. This room is not open to the general public but is a base for us

to work from within the village. The Emergency Phone is now located outside St Peter's Rooms so if you need to contact the police urgently, please use this facility. Advances in technology mean Blackberries and other mobile data gives us the flexibility of working from these locations, without affecting the quality of service."

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

LOCAL CHOIR GIVES CONCERT

Ruddington Community Choir – full of local talent and enthusiasm – is now well established in our village. Ruddington Methodist Church, (also well established since 1796) is organising a concert featuring the choir on Saturday 9th March at 2.30pm.

Marilyn Hicks, church steward, said "We have a lovely venue here in the centre of the village for up to 150 people, and the concerts we put on are for the enjoyment

of local people while at the same time raising money for the church or other charities. This concert is the first of four that we are planning for 2013."

Tickets priced at £6 will include

refreshments and are available from Marilyn on 0115 921 3112, Ann on 0115 921 2229 or Kathy on 0115 984 5375. Proceeds from this event are for church funds.



RUDDINGTON VILLAGE COLTS ARE FLYING – help them soar even higher!



The Football Club has raised money for local / national charities through events such as: 'Strictly Come Dancing', skydives and Boxing Day football matches. Charities to benefit include: The British Heart Foundation, Meningitis UK, and Ash Lea School.

This year they looked to the sky to support the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance, which is close to the club as when a senior ladies team player had a suspected broken leg, they swooped to her aid.

In December, the club raised funds through Christmas Raffle Draws, and a Boxing Day Charity Football Match. Over £1,000 was raised and the club hope to reach a total of £1,500 by the end of the season. The Club thanks everyone that bought tickets, donated prizes / money and who took part in the Boxing Day match. Many thanks also to the Red Heart for their support and hosting the raffle draws - and the Parish Council for their support.



Ruddington Village FC is a Charter Standard football club with 16 teams, providing the opportunity to play football in a friendly atmosphere - from 5 years to adults. Run entirely by volunteers, the club now seeks sponsors for a Children's Six-a-Side football

competition and club Presentation Day – both in June. They have sponsorship opportunities large and small on offer and would love to hear from people that may be able to help to keep them flying in supporting the community.

For more about the club or how to sponsor them, please contact the General Club Secretary, Andy Scott: 07910 663 158.

See websites: Senior Teams: www.pitchero.com/clubs/ruddingtonvillagefc & Junior Teams: www.pitchero.com/clubs/ruddingtonvillagecoltsfc

SONGS4U PERFORM CHARITY EVENT



Songs4U are a local quartet who perform regularly in this area for charities. In August last year, the young granddaughter of two of the members was admitted to Nottingham Queen's Medical Centre for removal of a brain tumour which fortunately turned out to be benign. However, it was pointed out that over 450 children in this country are found to have a brain tumour every year and that discovery and survival rates in the UK are amongst the lowest in Europe. The Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre (CBTRC) at the QMC needs more funding to continue with its vital work in this field and to discover what causes these tumours. Cheryl, Steve, Carolyn

and John (Songs4U) are putting on a concert 'Für Eloise' with songs chosen by and for her, at the Ruddington Methodist Church on Saturday 20th April commencing 7.30pm. Proceeds to CBTRC. Tickets £5 from Cheryl on 0115 846 0689 or from Carole at the Methodist Church 0115 921 2662.

BUS SERVICES SAVED



The recent demise of Premiere Travel could have deprived Ruddington of two local bus services – but luckily, other firms have stepped in and taken them over. The 63 service, a route connecting Keyworth with Ruddington via several other villages before continuing to Clifton, QMC and Beeston, is now operated by Paul S. Winson Coaches.



And TrentBarton-owned Kinchbus has returned to connect Nottingham and Loughborough with the Kinchbus 9 service, replacing the Premiere Red 9. (Readers may remember that the original Kinchbus 9 stopped running a while ago after the Red 9 proved more popular). To start with, Kinchbus were exchanging Red 9 tickets free of charge, but this offer is no longer available.

You can find the latest timetables for both services at the Nottinghamshire County Council website,

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk.

(By Faye Stenson)

RUDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Calling all aspiring batters, bowlers and fielders Ruddington Cricket Club needs new players of any age, ability and gender for the new season. Ruddington has two cricket teams based at Elms Park, which play in Division H and Division M of the South Notts. Cricket League.

Says Club Chairman, Wills Cliff: *'Skill and aptitude are not requirements! You don't have to be available every week, nor do you have to be massively good. So if you're interested in joining a friendly team who play for the enjoyment and a bit of weekend competition, please let us know.'* For more information, call Wills on 07714 624 188 or follow @CricketRudd on Twitter.

(By Faye Stenson)

SOCIAL KNITWORK

The Framework Knitters' Museum are hosting an informal knitting club in their tearoom at the museum every Friday from 1pm to 3pm. Experienced knitters are invited to share their skills and encourage new makers. Whether you are a keen experienced knitter or just getting started, come along to this informal 'drop-in'. Just bring your wool and needles. No fee and no need to book – just pull up a chair and join in.

Refreshments can be purchased from the museum. Check the website for more details:

www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk



AND THEN THERE WERE 9



At the beginning of February a new classroom was officially opened at James Peacock Infant and Nursery School by the Chair of Governors, Charles Rayner. Mr Rayner, who himself attended the school as a child, cut the ribbon in front of pupils, parents, staff, Governors and invited guests. These guests included Mathew Hall from the contractors, Robert Woodhead Ltd., whose work turned the vision of the head teacher, Mr Waldron into reality. They utilised and transformed a previous open area between two classrooms to create the new classroom.



Also present was the County Councillor for Ruddington, Reg Adair, who supported the new development with I.T resources. The opening of this room has seen the school capacity grow by 50%, from six classes in the main school in 2009 to the nine today. Ruddington is definitely growing! (By Barbara Breakwell)

RUDDINGTON – A VILLAGE VIEW

How well do you know your village?



Find out at the Historic Photographs of Ruddington event over Easter weekend! Immerse yourself in Ruddington's history before 1950. There are photos of life in Ruddington including street scenes, trade and industry and community activities. Whether you're new to the village or a long term resident, you'll find there are some surprises.



This free event, organised by Ruddington Local History and Amenities Society, will be held in St Peters Rooms from 11am to 4pm on Easter Sunday (31st March) and Monday (1st April). It's ideal for all ages and includes children's activities.

THE VILLAGE MUSEUM -

There will also be guided tours of the Village Museum at 11.30am and 2.00pm