

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

There is a new shoppers' car park in Ruddington. The Parish Council have come to an agreement with the White Horse that one side of their car park can be used by shoppers from 9 to 5, Monday to Saturday. Please look for the signs and make sure you park on the correct side (the **left** as you go in) of the car park.



Councillor Nick Tegerdine (Chairman of Environment and Community) said "Parking problems are one of the things that are often raised with the Parish Council. It is pleasing that the Parish Council have been able to do something positive about this. We know it won't solve the problem but it should help to make things better".

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GCRN set to bridge gap

A new agreement between the Great Central Railway (GCR) and Network Rail is set to enable the long-awaited connection of GCR Nottingham, based here in Ruddington, and GCR PLC.

The deal will enable the two sections of the GCR heritage railway to build a new bridge that will connect GCRN's tracks, which run from Nottingham to Loughborough, with those of GCR PLC, which operate between Loughborough and Leicester. There is currently a 500m gap between the two sections, where



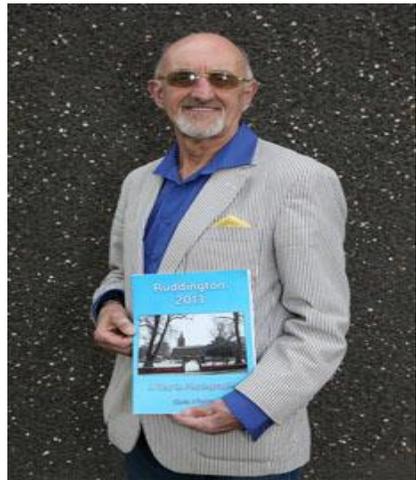
lines were removed by British Rail in the 1970s.

Design work has already started on the £1m bridge that will carry steam and diesel locos over the Midland Main Line track at the south end of Loughborough station, creating an unbroken 18 mile stretch of preserved railway. GCRN will also gain access to the main line connection that's already in place within the GCR PLC section of the heritage line.

The new bridge will be formed from two 'recycled' railway bridges that were previously used by Network Rail. These will be laid end to end to create a new bridge that will carry a single track line over the Midland Main Line.

Other work that's needed to complete the project includes repairing a bridge over the Grand Union Canal, building a second new bridge.

Ruddington in pictures



Local resident, Chris Perry, has published his second photographic book! **Ruddington 2013 - A Year in Photographs** shows how the village looked last year during different seasons. It includes coloured photos of individual shops and

shopkeepers, churches (including shots from St Peter's Church tower) and other key buildings. *'I very much enjoyed seeing the historical photographs displayed by the Local history and Amenity Society in their exhibition at Easter 2013,'* says Chris. *'I hope my book will appeal to anyone who is interested in Ruddington and how it has changed over the years. In the future I think it will be fascinating to compare the village with this pictorial record as well as with earlier images.'*

For further information contact christopher.perry@sky.com

New look for the Co-op

Local children and staff members officially celebrated the refurbishing of our local Co-op store by cutting a ribbon. The store has increased their range of goods in order to ensure "there's more of what you need every day"



Council supports business in Ruddington sensation!

Parish Council Working with Local Businesses.

On Tuesday March 4th representatives of Ruddington businesses both large and small met at St Peters Rooms for the latest in the series of meetings with Ruddington Parish Council (the Council). At each meeting new people appear, eager to learn what the Council is doing to promote Ruddington as a destination and to improve the sustainability of all of the businesses in the village.

Short presentations detailing the progress made from the previous meetings were followed by the attendees forming smaller groups to discuss 'what next?'. A summary of the recommendations and aspirations follows.

- A 20mph limit in the village core?
- A car sharing scheme to be promoted?
- Further promotion of all Ruddington businesses including those on the business park.
- Some form of village loyalty card to be considered.
- These regular meetings to continue and be further promoted so that the few who do not

attend are encouraged to do so and contribute

- Hold occasional markets (The Green) and especially repeat and expand the successful Xmas market
- An annual business gala?
- Niche network marketing e.g. all building trades
- To deal with the restricted accessibility of some premises, represent this with an icon in the Business Guide
- Explore further ways to promote effective communication between businesses
- A Ruddington 'Business Watch' network
- The Council to make more use of social media to promote activities

This was a productive and enjoyable meeting. The Council will continue to work on the current projects and follow up on new ideas as resources permit. We cannot possibly make progress on every current initiative and those proposed in the next six months but we are not complacent and we really want to develop the links between the Council and the business community. We will prioritise the Xmas market, the Business Directory, and the

parking issues that will arise once the current road resurfacing is complete and the two-hour waiting restriction is in place. We welcome working with the business community in these matters.

By Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Dennis Marriott

Dennis Marriott of Fairham Close, Ruddington sadly passed away on the 9th April 2014. Dennis was born in 1922 in Woodley Street to George and Mary Marriott and lived at 21 Church Street for many years. Dennis was married to Vera Marriott nee Smith, and they were married for 66 happy years.

Dennis was in the Royal Navy in World War 2 and served on the convoys to Russia and was presented with his medal last September.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife Vera, sister Margaret, son Michael, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Many thanks to the staff at Balmore Nursing Home where he spent his final months.

Michael Marriott

Unwanted Honey Bees?

Jonathon Atkin of Allandale Farm will remove swarms of Honey Bees at no cost to you whatsoever (business or residential). He has developed a Wild Flower Nectar Meadow in Brinsley which is a perfect site for honey bees – collected and/or rescued. Unfortunately, they can only collect Honey Bees and not Bumble Bees, Solitary Bees, Masonry Bees or those pesky Wasps and Hornets. If you are unsure what you have, just give him a ring on 07711 388 098 or email him on Jonathon@Allandalefarm.co.uk

Art and Creative Textiles Exhibition and Sales

The Framework Knitters Museum will be hosting their annual Art & Creative Textile Exhibition and Sale from 24th May – 26th May 2014. They are currently seeking exhibitors to showcase their work at this popular event.

The exhibition celebrates painting and textile art from around the region and provides a platform for both amateur and professional artists. The public are invited to support artists by purchasing works. Admission to the exhibition is free.

If you would like to showcase your work, contact the museum

on 0115 984 6914 or via rfwk-mus@btconnect.com.



All works must be made available for public sale. This annual event has grown in popularity each year with last year being the most successful to date, displaying over 120 pieces of work. The museum anticipates this year to be even more popular and is keen to attract new exhibitors. The exhibition is held in the museum's historic chapel building.

For more information contact Paul Baker – tel 0115 984 6914 email rfwk-mus@btconnect.com

Ruddington and District Choral Society have a summer concert

The Choir are doing three works at their June concert – Haydn's 'Te Deum', Poulenc's 'Gloria', and excerpts from Strauss 'Die Fledermaus'.

These are well loved works by many, with the Strauss light

hearted in contrast to the vigour and intensity of the other items.

A solo clarinet piece will be performed by Lauren Brown – Polenc's Clarinet Sonata. The conductor is David Woodhouse and the organist is Andrew Rootham.

The concert is on Saturday 7th June at 7 30 p.m. Tickets are £9 in advance and £10 on the door and include refreshments. They are available from Perkin's Hardware, Ruddington, Pat on 0115 9211451 or other choir members.

There is a wheelchair accessible toilet.

Kirit Kumar Patel

29/09/1953 – 21/03/2014



We, the Patel Family, would like to convey our Heartfelt Thanks for all the Card, Floral Tributes and Messages of Sympathy that we have received after our sad loss. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support received from so many.

Kirit, also known as Kit by his friends, has lived a colourful and multicultural life in many different places in the world but always said Ruddington was his favourite

and was happy he found this place. He always felt happy and content here and loved you all for your friendliness.

Linger by the Lake

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month between 10am and noon senior members of our community are invited to "Linger by the Lake" at Rushcliffe Country Park.

You can sit in the visitor centre with its fantastic view of the lake or amble around the park. Whatever you decide to do you will be made most welcome with a cuppa and a chat.

They look forward to meeting you.

Marie Curie Street Collection

The amount of money collected for this charity on Friday 7th March and Saturday 8th March in Ruddington was the grand total of £519.73.

Our grateful thanks go to all the collectors and contributors. This was the first year that we were not 'chilled to the bone" when collecting.

Barbara Venes

Looking for Less Litter

The Parish Council regularly discusses ways of making Ruddington look and feel better. We are now asking for help from

everyone who lives, works or visits Ruddington to help improve the look of our streets and green areas. Do you have a property or business which fronts the streets? Do you ensure you keep it neat and tidy and free of litter? We would like you to take responsibility for ensuring you do not drop litter but put it in one of the many bins around the village, or take it home. If we work together we can make a difference. If you see any areas where litter is a problem, please report it to Streetwise on 0115 981 9911 or the Parish Council on 0115 914 6660.

Councillor Marion Pell

New Beat Manager



Ruddington has a new Beat Manager - PC3180 Rob Archer. Rob has already started and is

looking forward to getting to know Ruddington better. He is keen to make Ruddington's already low crime rate even lower.

Contact:
DIAL 101 for non-emergencies
PC3180 Rob Archer 07702 141 804
PCSO Vee White 07702 141 778
PCSO Jonny Wilkinson. 07525 226 593

In an emergency ring 999

A Walkabout for Rainbows Hospice

Rotary Clubs of Keyworth and Ruddington and West Bridgford have organised a Walkabout on Sunday 15th June at Rushcliffe Country Park to support Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough. You can walk, bike, buggy or even piggy back the 2.5 mile walk which starts any time between 11am and 1pm to suit you. Cost £10 per family which you can raise by sponsorship – see www.rainbows.co.uk/get-involved/downloads/ Please join us.

Ruddington Craft Group Get Crafty

Ruddington Craft Group meet every first and third Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays and August) at St. Peter's Rooms 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is £3, payable only when you attend, and includes tuition, materials and refreshments.

On 19th May the session will be 'decorating plant pots' guided by the very popular Sue Westwood. A previous example is shown here.



Come and join us as we have a varied range of craft activities. The next sessions are button decorating, papercraft cards, decorating calico bags and quilling.

Running a Mile!

Active pupils at St Peter's Junior School, Ruddington, have raised £1,800 for Sports Relief by running a mile around the school's grounds.

All the school's pupils aged from 7 to 11 completed the mile challenge by running two laps of the schools fields and playground, raising the money in sponsorship from family and friends.

"We're very proud of the children for completing a personal challenge to run the mile, as many had not run that distance before," said head teacher John Mapperley. "And we're also very grateful to parents, families and

friends for donating so much in sponsorship."



Year 3 boys (from the left) Alex Champion, Reece Benjamin, Oscar Taylor, Dean Brant and Jacob Clarke celebrate after running the Sports Relief mile.

Sunrise Service



Ruddington Early Risers

The Sunrise Service took place at 6am on Easter Sunday at the highest point of the Country Park. The service, conducted by Rev. Buchanan, was transmitted live on Radio Nottingham. A beacon and candles were lit to welcome in Easter morning and it was lovely to see so many families attending the service.

Jenny Rutherford

THE PARISH GROUNDSTAFF

Part 5 of our Easy Guide to the Parish Council.

Many people only see the ground staff when they are cutting grass in the summer or when they are up a ladder putting up Christmas trees in the winter! What do they do for the rest of the year?

The children's play areas on Elms Park, Vicarage Lane and Wilford Road all have to have the equipment safety checked every week and there's a mountain of forms to fill in to ensure the council is fulfilling its health and safety requirements. These members of staff also help with general maintenance of St Peter's Rooms, the Village Hall, the Jubilee Clubhouse and Elms Park Pavilion to ensure that users get value for money. Outside, they maintain the Green, Church Street Car Park, the War Memorial gardens, Vicarage Lane cemetery, St Peter's Churchyard, Flawford Churchyard and the allotments. There's grass cutting, fence mending, tree tidying, filling dog bag dispensers, strimming, chipping and general tidying up to help keep the village looking fit for visitors.

Did you know that there are 14 football teams using 6 pitches on the Jubilee and Elms Park playing fields, and 2 cricket teams play on the pitch (and

artificial pitch) on Elms Park? These pitches need weeding, feeding (summer and winter), grass cutting, marking out and generally looking after. Ruddington Bowls Club play from May to September on the green prepared for them, also on Elms Park, which is much praised for the quality of its turf. Hedges need cutting back, CCTV needs checking and sadly, vandalism damage needs repairing.

Whenever the Parish Council takes on a new project, whether it's installing a new play area or refurbishing an area of the cemetery, the groundstaff take on as much of the work as it is possible for them to do to keep outside costs down. This team of workers also help to keep the 'Ruddington Gateway' looking tidy as Highways will only cut grass for traffic safety and not for appearances. In the winter, they will grit footpaths on Parish Council premises including the car park, put up (and take down again) more than 75 Christmas trees with lights and Christmas trimmings in council halls.

As I've said before, it is often difficult to work out what is the responsibility of the Parish Council and what isn't but if you contact the Parish Office, they will help you speak to the right person at the right authority. The office is open from 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday – or

you can email your enquiry to office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk .

(Linda Cooke)

Next month - Part 6 – Getting Involved

Thursday Coffee Morning

Want a chat?

A friendly group of people meet every Thursday morning at St. Peter's Rooms from 10.30 – 12 noon. It is open to anyone but particularly if you are feeling isolated. We will make you feel very welcome.

£1 coffee and biscuits; 50p tea and biscuits.

Muriel Woodhead 984 5666

Ruddington Village Plan

Thanks for Helping.

The Steering Group for the Ruddington Village Plan would like to thank everyone who filled in one of the simple questionnaires, or contributed online or in person, telling us what they like and dislike about Ruddington. The responses from these slips, emails, tweets, etc. will help the group compile relevant questions about subjects that matter to you. This is *your* Village Plan so keep your eyes and ears open, we shall be looking for more contributions very soon and you can keep up to date with progress on the

Ruddington Parish Council website, under 'Village Plan'.

Linda Cooke, Steering Group Secretary

If you would like something included in the Village newsletter please talk to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The copy deadline for the June edition is 15th May.

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Ruddington Diary

MAY 2014

Saturday 3rd May

Framework Knitters Museum - Concert by Songs for U, our popular local quartet. At 7.30pm Old Chapel, Chapel Street, tickets £5. Contact the Museum or Kathy on 0115 984 5375.

Sunday 4th May

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

Sunday 4th May

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group organised. Bunny Bluebell Woods to Wysall. Meet on the green at 2.15pm.

Sunday 4th May

GCRN – Charity Fun Day. The event will be officially opened by Dominic Heale, presenter of East Midlands Today. Book online visit www.gcrn.co.uk –“ May Bank Holiday Fun Day” for further details.

Tuesday 6th May

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

Wednesday 7th May

Ruddington District Probus Club - History of J McIntyre Ltd. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 8th May

Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club - Dr Colin Groves

The English Landscape Garden”, 2pm at the Methodist Church

Saturday 10th May

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

Sunday 11th May

Ruddington Bowls Club - are having an open day to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Club. All are welcomed; flat smooth soled shoes are required. 2.30pm at Elms Park, Ruddington. Contact Fran Dent on 0115 914 6707, email: rudd.bowls@ntlworld.com or visit www.ruddingtonbowls.webspace.virginmedia.com

Tuesday 13th May

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in the Ruddington Library 11am to 11.30am. Have fun with your little ones for under 5's and meet other parents and make new friends. The sessions are free and no booking required. Call 0115 9212309 for more information.

Tuesday 13th May

Annual Parish Council – at St. Peters Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

Wednesday 14th May

Ruddington W.I. – “Resolution Meeting” The Bells of St.

Mary's. At 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Wednesday 14th May

GCR-NDA - Railway Film Night

- BR Engine Sheds in Steam Days (featuring all London Sheds). Slide show presented by Chris Banks at the Embankment Club, Arkwright Street, NG2 2GR. Start time 8pm admission £3. Further information call Alan Kemp on 0115 925 2140.

Thursday 15th May

Action On Hearing Loss – Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our **FREE** walk-in hearing aid clinic for: new batteries, new earmould tubing, advice on how to use and clean your hearing aids and information on hearing loss and services that can help you. In St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Thursday 15th May

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

- St. Peter's Rooms 6.30pm to 7.15pm.

Friday 16th May

Ruddington Business

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

Saturday 17th May

Wildlife Trust Spring Fair – at St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 12 noon. Plants, cakes, CD's, DVD's, Vinyl Records and Café. Raising funds for the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

Saturday 17th May

Coffee Morning for Christian Aid

– at Ruddington Methodist Church, 10am to 12 noon. Stalls include cakes, plants, Tombola and Jewellery by Rainbow Beads.

Sunday 18th May

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

Monday 19th May

Ruddington Craft Group
Decorating Plant Pots 10am to 12 noon

Wednesday 21st May

Ruddington District Probus Club - Life as a Scrap Dealer. At Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Saturday 24th May

Riding for the Disabled - Spring Fayre at St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 12 noon. Tombola, raffle, cakes and books. Entry 50p which includes refreshments.

Tuesday 27th May

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 28th May

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – An illustrated lecture entitled "The History of the Walled Garden" by Kate Wood, followed by complimentary refreshments. The Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

Saturday 31st May

Children's Market Nearly New Sale - at St Peter's Rooms, 10am to 12pm