

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Tuesday 4th September

Scrabble at Ruddington Library from 2pm to 4pm. All players welcome.

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

Wednesday 5th September

Ruddington & District Probus Club – “In the Trenches” by Jason King at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. 0115 921 4139 ext 22.

Thursday 6th September

Village Museum – open today at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £1.50, £1 concessions, 50p children.

Saturday 8th September

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

Kenneth Clarke QC MP – at Rushcliffe House, West Bridgford by appointment. Contact Debbie Sugg on 0207 219 5189

St Peter's Family Fun Day – Free admission to this event. 2pm and 5pm at St Peter's Church and The Hermitage. Face painting, stalls, community choir, afternoon teas and much more. Funds for Little P's and Pebbles.

Monday 10th September

Do you enjoy singing? Ruddington & District Choral Society are looking for new members to join them. Rehearsals are 7.30 to 9.30 on Monday evenings at St. Peter's School and they will be delighted to see you there!

Wednesday 12th September

'History of Entertainment' by Neville Cooper at Ruddington WI, St. Peter's Rooms 7.15pm. Visitors/new members welcome.

Thursday 13th September

“Career on a cruise ship” – by Colin Bower at Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club, St. Peter's Rooms 2pm. Also A.G.M.

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Ruddington Wakes – Sellors Playing Fields starting 6pm

Friday 14th September

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“Futureshock – stories from the Devastated Zone” at the Western Front Association, St. Peter's Rooms 7.30pm. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50 to incl tea and biscuits.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September

Ruddington Wakes – Sellors Playing Fields, Wilford Road, starting 2pm

Tuesday 18th September

Parish Council Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Wednesday 19th September

Ruddington & District Probus Club – “Hot Rocks” (Volcanic Processes with photos) by David Highley at Ruddington Grange Golf Club. Phone 0115 921 4139 ext 22.

Thursday 20th September

Village Museum – open today at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £1.50, £1 concessions, 50p children.

Tuesday 25th September

Free Valuation Day with Vanessa Savage from Hansons Auctioneers. Jewellery, silver, ceramics & collectables at the Chapel Hall, Framework Knitters' Museum from 10am to 4pm. Ring 01283 733988 for more details.

Thursday 27th September

Village Museum – open today at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission £1.50, £1 concessions, 50p children. Last admission 4pm. (This is the last opening day for the current year.)

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th September

Miniature Traction Engine Rally – also miniature train services offering rides all in our extensive site and facilities at Ruddington.

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

“ON YOUR MARKS



If you, like millions of others, watched Usain Bolt in the 100 metres final at the recent Olympics, did you realise Ruddington was represented at the starting line as well? John Hallatt, who has lived in the village since 1965, has spent his life balancing his career as an architect with his passion and enthusiasm for athletics. This dedication to the sport was rewarded when he was selected to be an official at the recent Olympics.

Since his early introduction to sprinting at High Pavement Grammar School, he has always been involved in athletics. He was a coach at the Ruddington Athletics Club which used to meet on the area of land now used by the Colts Football Team at Elms Park.

The area, which was only big enough for a 300 metre track and had an old garden shed as a clubhouse was nicknamed “The Field of Dreams” by John. True to its name it nurtured very successful local talent before closing in the 1990s and merging with a road running team based in Bingham, to become Rushcliffe AC.

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TREES ON THE GREEN

Some of you may have noticed that the two Giant Redwood trees on the Green have been pruned to remove the lower branches. The work, done by a firm of professional arboriculturalists with consent from Rushcliffe's Tree Preservation Officer, was necessary to prevent damage to the trees from young people who were making dens under the lower branches. Unfortunately, the children were also making small fires and even climbing up between the inner branches of the trees despite continued efforts by local residents and the police to prevent them. There were obvious health & safety issues to be considered. The arboriculturalist advised that the pruned shape of these trees is the natural shape of the Giant Redwood as it gets older.



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“ON YOUR MARKS....” (from page 1)

John said that the Olympic Stadium was another “Field of Dreams” and that, as he stood waiting for the start of the 100 metres final, his thoughts were “This is a long way from Bestwood!” Apparently the noise of the 80,000 strong crowds didn’t even register with him as he concentrated on making sure the rules were adhered to and fair play ensued.

John has memories galore of the people he has met through his athletics involvement including encouraging a young Somali boy who he met in Birmingham to “Do his best”. 16 years later that boy won two gold medals; it was Mo Farah!

John intends to carry on “putting into” the sport and to encourage and educate younger officials. Not content with the early mornings and late nights of his time at the Olympics, he will be at the Paralympics to do it all again. **Ruddington is as proud of John as John is of Ruddington.**

(By Barbara Breakwell)

COMPETITION ON FACEBOOK!

Find us here:

www.facebook.com/ruddington

This summer has seen the launch of the Ruddington Village Facebook page! Started and run independently by residents, the Facebook page is designed to be a place where you can post your thoughts and ideas about current topics affecting Ruddington and the people that live here. The page also provides up to date information about news and events via the Ruddington Twitter feed @Ruddington_info. We encourage local businesses and nearby towns and villages to join in and post updates too. As part of the launch we are holding the “Ruddy Good Photo”

competition; which is open to all Ruddington residents and businesses. The prize for the best Ruddington photo is a complimentary meal for two (courtesy of the Courtyard Kitchen situated on Church Street) at The White Horse Inn and a complimentary family portrait Lifestyle session and framed 10x12 piece of wall art worth £250 at the Saul Isaac Photography studio on Easthorpe Street. The winning picture will also be featured on the Facebook page. To enter all you need to do is ‘Like’ the Facebook page at this web address: www.facebook.com/ruddington and post your Ruddington themed photo on the wall, including a description of who took it and where and when it was taken. (Please ensure you have the permission of the person who took the photo and any people featured in the picture). Alternatively you can send your photo via email, remembering to include the same details, to info@ruddington.info. All entries must be in by Wednesday 18th September midday and will be judged by the photography experts at the Saul Isaac Studio. (By Joanna Jagiello, Resident and founder of the Ruddington Village Facebook page.)

Note: The Parish Council has no control over the content of the Twitter pages or the Facebook pages detailed here.

RUDDINGTON WAKES

After the disastrous early summer rain which caused the cancellation of both the Ruddington Festival and the Ruddington Wakes, we are delighted to announce that the Wakes ‘should’ be appearing in the village in September. It is hoped, subject to improved weather and the condition of Sellors’ Playing Fields, that they will open on Thursday 13th until Sunday 16th September. Please give them

MUSEUM WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Framework Knitters’ Museum is pleased to announce the launch of its new website at www.rfkm.org

The new visitor website is a major step in the development of this popular heritage attraction. In addition to providing visitor information, the new site will offer visitors the opportunity to explore the museum’s family history resources. The website will also be used as a platform to promote local textile makers. Schools can book visits and download educational materials from it and researchers can discover more about the industry which gave birth to machine lace and the Luddite revolt. For more information, contact Paul Baker, on 0115 984 6914 or email rfwk-mus@btconnect.com

‘MEN IN FROCKS’ FOR CHARITY

It’s time for the guys to get their glad rags on as the ‘Men in Frocks’ charity pub crawl hits Ruddington on Saturday 15 September. Back by popular demand, ‘Men in Frocks’ sees the boys raiding their other halves’ wardrobes to find ‘that’ dress, whilst the ladies wear the trousers for the occasion.

Organised by local residents Gary Johnson, Alan Goodwin, Tony Goodman and Christine Smith, this year’s event will raise funds for Meningitis UK and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Says Gary, who co-directs Kev’s Van Rentals on Parkyns Street: ‘These are two great charities that really deserve our support. You’re guaranteed a great night out, so don’t be shy! The more outrageous we look, the more cash we’ll raise. So find yourself a lovely frock – and don’t forget the high heels, wigs, jewellery and make-up!’



‘Men in Frocks’ will kick off in the Red Lion at 7:30pm, followed by a trip round all Ruddington’s pubs and social clubs. For more information, contact Gary on 0115 921 4333. (By Faye Stenson)

GARDEN PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY

The Annual Allotment & Garden Competition Presentation Evening will be taking place at St. Peter’s Rooms on Tuesday 23rd October from 7.30pm when prizes and certificates will be awarded to all of the winners of this year’s competitions including the Photographic Competition which closed on 31st August. All photographic entries will be on display and this year we have been asked if we would also display photo’s of gardens that were not eligible for the actual competition. So – if you were not eligible to enter the competition (perhaps you live outside the village, are under 18 years old or are a parish councillor) but have some lovely pictures of your garden, send them along and we will put them on display. Photographs must be received at the Parish Council office on or before Monday 17th October. Remember to include your name, address and a caption. (We will not be able to return photo’s.) All residents are welcome to the Presentation Evening and refreshments will be served after prizes are distributed.

premises. Now Jason has returned and initially plans to employ two other staff in his new business - trading as "Ruddington Garage". Brian is planning to semi-retire and transfer equipment from his own B.D. Cars on Kempson Street back to the Easthorpe Street site.

However father and son have no plans to reopen the car dealership - so new tenants are still being sought for the showroom. Watch this space!

(By Graham Wright)

THANK YOU TO "THE NOISE"



Kay Coupe and Ivy Wilshire would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to The Noise

Team who kindly painted their fences to a very high standard during their activity weekend in the village. The Noise Team are a group of youngsters organised by the Baptist Church and every year work is carried out for the older residents of the village free of charge.

NEW OSTEOPATHY SERVICE

A new healthcare service arrived in Ruddington last month when Castle Clinic on High Street expanded its offering to include osteopathy. Registered osteopath and professional sports massage therapist Richard Moore will provide a range of treatments at the Clinic, with appointments available every Tuesday between 9am and 1pm.

Osteopathy uses an established system of clinical diagnosis and manual treatment to treat conditions such as sports injuries, lower back pain, sciatica and frozen shoulder.

Richard, who lives in Wilford, launched his new services on 14 August and is already in demand. *'There was definitely a gap in the market for an osteopathy service in Ruddington,'* he says. *'I'm looking forward to helping patients of all ages in the village lead a more pain-free life by treating a wide range of muscular injuries and joint problems.'*

Local sportspeople will be interested to know that Richard is also qualified in the Kinesio Taping Method, a type of sports taping that helps traumatised tissue to heal rather than simply immobilising the joints.

To book an appointment with Richard, call the Castle Clinic on 0115 921 1455 or visit www.castleclinic.co.uk.

(By Faye Stenson)

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says:

"Be vigilant when you see trucks and lorries carrying scrap metal in your area. Many of these traders are legitimate but there are a few unscrupulous dealers who will also remove items that are not necessarily for disposal. In an ideal world, contact a scrap dealer direct and make arrangements for them to collect items at a pre-arranged time. You could also ask friends or neighbours if they have used someone they can recommend."

Police contact numbers are:

Dial 101 - for non emergencies

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

Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy – tel: 07702 141 722

IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

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your support by going along. See the Diary pages for opening times.

VIC'S IN BETTER NICK!



After a two week programme of refurbishment, Ruddington's Victoria Tavern reopened for business on Friday 17th August. It's part of the Enterprise Inns' chain and has been relaunched as a "Beacon Pub" with a focus on competitively priced beers and lagers. Manageress Jo Simpson was keen that the makeover shouldn't destroy its character: *"I asked for them to keep it as a traditional country pub. But it did need smartening up so, as well as repainting, we've had all the seating reupholstered, new carpets and some new furniture. There's now less difference between the Public and Lounge Bars – both are just as comfortable!"*



In fact the decision to concentrate on drink rather than food means there's been space to add a new pool table

and games machine to the back room. But the TV has been banished to the Public Bar only, which has pleased some customers. For real ale lovers there are also still FOUR handpumps at the bar – dispensing the ever popular Bass, plus changing guest beers, at discounted prices.

"We've had a really busy first couple of weeks and we hope people will keep coming" says Jo. *"There's Karaoke on Wednesdays, a '60s, '70s & '80s Disco on Saturdays and a Quiz Night on Sundays. We're also hoping to launch a Pool League at The Vic".*

So next time you're out on Wilford Road make sure you give The Tavern a try!

(By Graham Wright)



Ruddington Fun

This summer saw nearly 500 children accompanied by 275 adults attend the **free** activities organised in the village by the voluntary committee of "Ruddington Fun". Together they painted, did crafts, made music, played games and even hunted for frogs in the Village Museum. The events were made possible due to the support of various organisations who helped with venues and printing the programme of all activities available in the village, which is annually compiled by the "Ruddington Fun" committee.

Sincere thanks are expressed to Artex whose generosity helped with the costs incurred and consequently

contributed to another successful summer of fun in Ruddington.

"Ruddington Fun" has its own Facebook page or email ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com.

(By Barbara Breakwell)

COFFEE HELP NEEDED

Can anyone spare an hour from 10am to 11am on a Wednesday morning to help serve coffee or tea at the Over 55's Coffee Morning at St. Peter's Rooms? We need 2 or 3 new helpers as soon as possible. This is a very social morning and I'm sure you will enjoy what is a not too strenuous job. For more information ring Lorna McCullough on 0115 921 4975.

DO YOU KNOW A COMMUNITY SUPERSTAR?

If you know someone who's made an outstanding contribution to our local community, now's the time to speak up as the Rushcliffe Community Awards 2012 are now open for nominations. The Awards recognise individuals and groups who've given up their own time to make a real difference to the lives and circumstances of Rushcliffe residents. There are several award categories, including Making Communities Safer, Enabling Healthy Lives and Building Strong Communities, as well as a Young Person of the Year award.

For 2012, the nominees must have made their contributions to the community between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012. So if you know a person or group in Ruddington or beyond who fits the bill, please vote for them before nominations close on Friday 14 September.

You can find out more about the awards and make your nominations at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/communityawards.

All award finalists will be invited to a ceremony at The Becket School on Thursday 8 November, where the winners will be announced.

(By Faye Stenson)

CONCERNED ABOUT FOXES?



As a result of a local resident asking "what do I do about foxes living near my house?" the Parish Council contacted the Environmental Health Dept. at Rushcliffe Borough Council. Their response is printed below:

*".....the (Borough) Council does not currently provide a service for the treatment of foxes. We do have an advice leaflet, with general advice on how to deter foxes, which residents may find useful. Some of the advice provided in the leaflet is: *Refuse should be stored in a secure location and only put out for collection on the actual morning the waste is collected, not the night before. *Food should not be placed on open compost heaps. Such an action would also encourage rats into your garden. *Chemical repellents can be used to deter foxes. These can be bought at most garden centres. The effectiveness of such repellents seems to be quite variable and so it is important to follow the instructions thoroughly and safely. *Fencing up to at least 2 metres high would help prevent foxes entering your garden. Ideally, the fence should have a 30cm overhang at the top and*

*30cm buried in the ground. *It is illegal to poison foxes and laying bait could pose a serious risk to pets and other wildlife."*

Rushcliffe Borough Council also advised that if residents needed any more information, they should contact RBC's Environmental and Waste Management Dept.

GIVING NATURE A HELPING HAND

(and getting fresh air and exercise in return).



(Cutting hawthorn in Gypsum Scrub)

Autumn is coming and on all good nature reserves they are starting to think about what needs doing over the autumn and winter months. Unlike with gardening most nature conservation work takes place in the winter. Rushcliffe is fortunate as it has a network of nature reserves with volunteer work parties and all of them would welcome additional help.

What sort of things might they be doing? Well for example at Bunny Wood it might be coppicing sections of woodland to allow light back in to encourage the ground flora, whilst at Wilford Claypits the warden might be looking at de-silting a pond and at Bingham Linear Park clearing scrub to reopen grassland areas. All you need to bring along is old clothes, sensible shoes and gardening gloves. If you enjoy being in the open air and getting

your hands dirty then why not look on Rushcliffe's Nature Conservation web site www.southnottswildlife.org under the reserves section for a list of sites looking for extra help or email gordon.dyne@gmail.com for a list.

NB - Wilwell Farm Cutting Nature Reserve is a 20 acre site on the edge of Ruddington found on the B680 (Wilford Road) between Ruddington and Wilford. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is best known for its wide variety of wildflowers. It is part of the route of the Great Central Railway Line that used to go to Nottingham Victoria and is open for public access at all times. Volunteers for the Reserve working party are always welcome. Contact Gordon Dyne on 0115 984 3934.

JASON RETURNS!

Following the sad news in our July issue that Hall's Garage in Ruddington had closed, we are pleased to announce that Jason Dickman is to reopen the MOT Test Centre there by the end of September. The large adjoining workshop should also be back in use shortly afterwards as a service and repair centre.



Jason is the son of site owner Brian Dickman and actually used to work there as a mechanic in the 1980s - before Hall's took a lease on the