

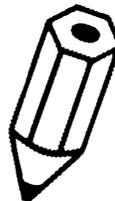
Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Parish Council consultation – Have your say

Ruddington Parish Council is consulting on:

- The sale of the current Village Hall and the financing and location of a replacement,
- The possible sale of Sellor's Playing Field, and
- The acquisition of a new and much larger public open space and playing field 240 metres away.



You should already have got a document through your letter box. This is a consultation exercise (not a vote). It will take only a few minutes. The results will be considered by Ruddington Parish Council when it makes its decisions.

If you, or someone you know, has not received the consultation, needs help in completing it, or you need more copies please contact the Parish Council office - see back page for contact details. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to take part in this consultation.

This is the biggest decision that Ruddington Parish Council has faced since 1910. Please give your views to help the Parish Council make the best decision for the whole community.

Please consider the information provided and let the Parish Council know your views. You can send the form in by hand, post or e-mail, or by completing the survey on-line.

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Freedom Dance reaches National Finals

A Ruddington dance school has reached the National Finals in the prestigious All England Dance competition. An amazing 35 dances performed by the Freedom Festival Team at Freedom Dance & Performance have qualified for the finals, which are being held at London's Hackney Empire this summer.

The dancers saw off stiff competition at the regional finals, held in Mansfield in June, to reach the finals. And the number of qualifying dances is testament to the way the school has gone from strength to strength as only two years ago, just seven dances qualified for the National Finals.

Freedom Dance & Performance was set up by principle Stacey Gaunt four years ago and has grown from a pupil base of just 10 to boast an impressive roll of 130 aspiring young dancers.

On top of the school's achievements in the All England Dance Competition, two students have also recently won scholarships to two of the UK's leading performing arts schools.

Congratulations to all the students involved in these successes.

We wish you all the best in the National Finals of All England Dance!

Faye Stenson

MacMillan & MPD voice fundraising

After attending a hospital appointment I was told I have myofibrosis and my blood cells were at an unusual level. The consultant made me an appointment for 12 weeks later. I left the hospital feeling confused and upset.

After talking to my children and looking on the Internet we all became very concerned, I had no information or help.

We decided it would be best to contact MacMillan. It made such a difference!

I was given an appointment with a specialist nurse within two days. She helped me understand my condition, told us the information we needed to know and she booked me an appointment with a new consultant who specialises in the condition.

I am now feeling happier and relieved. Thankful of the help she had given me and my family.

My daughter Nicola and my colleges at work, Jinette, Amy and another Nicola are organising a MacMillan & MPD voice fundraising day in September on my behalf.

Date: [Tuesday 1st September 2015](#)

Place: Dizzy Rascalz - unit 1 Brookside house, Brookside Close Ruddington, NG11 6AT

Join us [from 9.30am - 5.00pm](#)

All welcome, with or without children.

Stalls: [9.30am-2.00pm](#)

Children's disco: [3.00pm-5.00pm](#)

Raffle, Tombola, children's lucky dip, name the bear, cakes and more.

Leiske Thompson

Kwik cricket success

Our kwik cricket event on Sunday 12th July was a huge success and Elms Park was packed with young folk playing cricket. Our kwik cricket team won all of their games this season, and won another tournament last weekend at Radcliffe. We're also getting many more children coming to Friday night training sessions, which is all very encouraging.

Nic Greaves

Fitness fun for all

Despite the wet weather numerous dog owners attended the opening of the Copper Dog Activity Trail on July 24th on Rushcliffe Country Park. The new amenity situated at the back of the Memorial Field, within a fenced enclosure, includes tunnels, ramps, slaloms etc to enable dogs of all ages to play and have fun.



The project group through their fundraising efforts and the generosity and support of individuals and businesses have turned an initial suggestion into a reality. All dog owners are welcome to enjoy this latest addition to our award winning local Country Park.

Barbara Breakwell

Thank you from James Peacock School

Everyone at James Peacock Infant and Nursery School would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported their fundraising agenda this year, including attending events and donating raffle prizes.

The School has had a huge amount of support from local businesses and the wider community, helping them to raise £7,300 towards their £30,000 target to build an all-weather, multi-use games area.

Kay Garrett

Barclays Bank closure

Barclays Bank has drawn up a list of branches it has earmarked for closure between now and the end of the year.



The list, provided by a mole within the bank's head office, contains details of the Ruddington Village closure as well as 78 others throughout the country.

Officially, Barclays says the cuts will reduce the branch network to between 1,350 and 1,360 by the end of 2015.

Graham Wright

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers to be removed

The Parish Council have decided to remove the Dog Waste Bag Dispensers at Vicarage Lane and Churchill Open Space. This is because some people have been taking dozens and dozens of bags at once and the dispensers have often been left empty.

The dispensers were put in so that dog owners who forgot to bring a bag would have one if required. With them being empty so often the Parish Council were left with the cost of filling them but bags were not there when people needed them.

The dispensers will be removed in late August. The Parish Council may consider removing the other dispensers if the problem moves to them.

Alan Craven Trophy for Parish Council groundstaff

Ruddington Groundsmen Chris Churches, Scott Evans and Steve Mills were the recipients of yet another award recognising their work to provide top class sports facilities for village football teams.

The award of the Alan Craven Trophy comes on the back of the well-deserved runner up in the National, and winner of Nottinghamshire, Groundsman of the Year Award 2014.

The trophy was presented at the Notts County Social club by Ruddington Village Football Club at their annual presentation evening at the end of June.



The award, originally bequeathed to the Club by former Chairman Alan Craven, is intended to recognise those who have made significant contributions to the welfare of the club and whose good works have been highly regarded by club Post Holders and team Managers.

Nominations having been put forward the winner was decided by vote.

Manager Joe Dunstan commenting on the award said, "This award to the parish groundsmen is well deserved, the pitches are top quality and arguably the best in Nottinghamshire. Co-operation between team managers and ground staff has reaped dividends and gone a long way in ensuring continued success for the club as a whole."

Childcare in the village

If you have children, you know that arranging childcare can be a headache. But whether you need full-time childcare for a preschooler or a few hours here and there after school or during the holidays, there are a range of options in Ruddington.

Nurseries:

Tiny Teddies nursery offers a sibling discount of 10%, term-time only options, flexible childcare to fit around shift patterns, school holiday care for children up to age 11 and school drop off and collections from James Peacock.

0115 9847432

www.tinyteddiesnursery.co.uk

Ruddington Day Nursery is set in a large area of green belt countryside, offering excellent and secure outdoor play areas and equipment for children aged up to five years. **0115 9848125**
www.rushcliffedaynurseries.co.uk

Childminders:

A childminder offers an alternative to a nursery for full-time childcare, and most will also do school pick-ups and drop offs for older children. Jill Thorpe is the coordinator for Ruddington: contact her in the first instance and she'll pass your details onto her group of registered independent childminders.

07909 638388

jillthorpe27@hotmail.co.uk

The Hermitage

A preschool for children aged between two and five years, offering flexible sessions every weekday morning.

07923 487 030

www.thehermitagepreschool.co.uk

School's Out Holiday Club

The club takes children aged between four and 12 for school holidays and inset days, and offers flexible options including full and half days. The same team also run Come Cook With Me and Arts and Crafts clubs after school. Owner Liz Wright is also looking into setting up an after-school club for both local schools – please see the website to take part in the survey. **07508 056995**
www.schoolsout Ruddington.co.uk

Private Nanny

Some people prefer this option as a nanny works solely for one family and cares for them in their own home – and for families with more than one child it can often work out around the same cost. Often a nanny will follow and complement your existing routines.

Kay Garrett

Car Park relining

The Parish Council car park (next to the Co-op) will be closed from Thursday 20th August 2015 4pm to Saturday 22nd August 2015 am. This is to carry out works to repaint the lines demarking the spaces. **Vehicles not removed will be left at owners risk, the Parish Council will not accept responsibility for any damage.**

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Rosanna Turner
Deputy Clerk

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 August.

St Peter's stone age day

YEAR 3 children at St Peter's Junior School, Ruddington, have recently enjoyed a themed Stone Age Day where they took part in lots of exciting outdoor challenges. These included, tool making, cave painting, gutting fish and cooking on a campfire!

The children have also taken part in many other outdoor activities this year as part of the St Peter's Forest School Program which encourages children to take risks, make choices and initiate learning for themselves. It offers children opportunities to achieve, develop confidence, self awareness and self esteem, through hands on experiences in a woodland environment.



“There are many, many very good reasons to take learning outdoors but perhaps the best is that we know from both research and personal experience that being outside simply makes us feel great. How we feel affects how well we learn and how well we work with others,” said St Peter's head teacher, John Mapperley.

Forest School experiences have included, survival days, shelter building, creating alien slime and learning to use a range of tools safely.

Ruddington Diary

August 2015

Saturday 1st August

Bright Reflections - present an evening of light music and comedy entertainment. At Ruddington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 including light refreshments, contact 0115 921 2229/0115 914 1494.

Sunday 2nd August

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. "Three Moors of Ruddington, Gotham and Bradmore. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Wednesday 12th August

Ruddington WI - "Mask Theatre" by Stephen Jon, St. Peter's Rooms 7.15pm.

Tuesday 11th August

Planning Meeting - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. **Sunday 16th August**

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

Thursday 20th August

Ear Foundation - FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. In St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Friday 21st August

Ruddington Business Partnership - FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Tuesday 25th August

Planning Meeting - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. If required.

Monday 31st August

Garden Party - at the Framework Knitters 11am to 4pm, admission is free

September 2015

Sunday 6th September

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. "Wysall towards Willoughby-on-the Wolds circular. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Monday 7th September

Craft Group - "Quilling" at St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 12 noon.

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

Tuesday 8th September

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

Parish Council 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.

Saturday 12th September

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.

You can often find more details of the events on the Parish Council website: www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk on the diary page.

Thursday 17th September

Ear Foundation - FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. In St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Friday 18th September

Ruddington Business Partnership - FREE networking today and every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses. No booking required.

Saturday 19th September

Ruddington W.I. - "Centenary Celebration" Craft Fair, Local Beekeepers, Hedgehog Preservation Society and Country Markets. 11am to 4pm at St. Peter's Rooms

Ruddington Gardener's Association - Mini- Horticultural Show display and plant sales in association with the WI Centenary Celebrations at St. Peter's Rooms 11am to 4pm, refreshments available. For schedules phone 0115 984 1687.

St. Mary's Park Group The final phase of the playground is being installed in August. The St. Mary's Park Group would like to invite you to celebrate the achievement of this great new park during our family fun day on Sat 19 Sept from 12-3pm.

Sunday 20th September

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

Monday 21st September

Craft Group - "Ribbon Weaving" at St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 12 noon.

Tuesday 22nd September

Amenities 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.

Alpha Course - Wondering what life is really about? The Churches in Ruddington like to invite you to explore if there's more to life. At The Hub, Musters Road 7.30pm, with meal, 10 week course, free of charge. Contact 07804 590 002/email ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk.

Thursday 24th September

Alpha Course 2 - see above.

Testimonial Golf Day for Corey Neilson

A Testimonial Golf Day is being held at Ruddington Grange Golf Club on Thursday 10 September, as part of a season of events to celebrate Corey Neilson's 10 years as coach with the Nottingham Panthers Ice Hockey team.

Hosted by Mr Neilson himself, the day will start with bacon rolls and coffee on arrival for a shotgun start on the links, followed by a three course meal at the Club. After dinner, attendees will be treated to not just one but three guest speakers, in the shape of former champion boxers Glenn McCrory, John H Stracey and Dave 'Boy' Green.

With the golfing prizes being provided by local firm, Smatcaddy, it's set to be an enjoyable and memorable day for all involved. Tickets for teams of four cost £200 and places are limited, so please email mark.fawsitt@mac.com as soon as possible if you'd like to attend.

You can find more details about the Golf Day and the other events celebrating Corey Nielson's successful career with the Panthers at the Corey Neilson Testimonial pages on Facebook and Twitter.

Faye Stenson

Family fun day raises £1,000

The amazing sum of £1,040 was raised at the St. Peter's Church Family Fun Day in aid of Rainbows Hospice for children and young people.

We would like to thank all the wonderful people in and around Ruddington who supported the event by attending, donating most generous gifts, making crafts and cakes and helping on the day.

Honor Dixon and Mal Lowe

Ruddy Bear returns

Last month James Peacock School held a special day of activities to welcome Ruddy Bear back to the school. Ruddy has spent the last few months at the Vineyard School in Uganda.

The visit was made possible due to the support of Honor and Clement Dixon who over the years have worked with the TESO Foundation who have helped build and support schools and hospitals in the country.

Ruddy was the star of a special assembly, which Honor attended, where he showed the children pictures from his visit.



The children then spent the day doing various activities linked to a UNICEF initiative the school is launching in September.

This will teach the children about Rights, Respect and Responsibility and help them to understand that not everyone is the same.

A whole school picnic lunch on the field was another highlight of a very enjoyable, celebratory day.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Hospice Shop – Can you help?

Nottinghamshire Hospice is celebrating its 35th birthday this year and provides high quality palliative care services to adults who have terminal and life-limiting illnesses, and their families and carers.

The hospice has twelve charity shops in the community, including one on High Street in Ruddington. These shops help towards raising the £3 million needed per year to offer services free to patients and their loved ones with the aim of taking care of their physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs. The hospice also provides support to families and close friends, both during the illness and in bereavement.



Yvonne at the Nottinghamshire Hospice Ruddington shop has been volunteering in retail for two years and says, “I volunteer because it’s fun, rewarding and a worthwhile way of giving support to a good cause”.

The shop is looking for more volunteers to help with customer service and stockroom duties. Expenses are covered and it is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn or develop skills and support a local charity.

For more information, pop into the shop for a chat with the manager or contact the hospice on 0115 910 1008 or volunteering@nottshospice.org.

St. Mary’s Park

The installation of the final phase of the playground is expected to be installed from 10 Aug. The work is thought to take two weeks.

The park will remain open but there will be some disruption areas on the park to allow the construction of the equipment. The road near the entrance on St Mary’s Crescent may have vans parked on it as the workers will need access and bring their equipment.

Thank you for supporting us all this time. We would like to invite you to celebrate the achievement of this great new park during our family fun day on Sat 19 Sept from 12-3pm.

For further information, you can contact Ruddington Parish Council.

St. Mary’s Park Group



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Mark Brown celebrates 21 years of kidney transplant

Ruddington resident Mark Brown is celebrating an extra special participation at the British Transplant Games in Newcastle Gateshead as Good Friday this year marked the 21st anniversary of his Kidney Transplant.

Mark (48) suffered from the hereditary condition Alports Syndrome, which led to kidney failure at the age of 25. After 20 months on dialysis lasting for four hours a day, three days a week, Mark had a successful kidney transplant in 1994.

Mark says

“...it was scary when I got the call to say a transplant was available.

Thankfully it's now 21 years since my transplant, and it's still going strong.



I've been fortunate to represent my country at a number of Winter World Transplant Games, winning medals in Ski-ing, Snowboarding and Curling.

My younger brother James also had a kidney transplant ten years ago.”

More than 10,000 people in the UK are currently waiting for a transplant, and three people die while waiting every day.

But with only 29% of the UK population actually registered as organ donors, the NHS Organ Donor Register team says more work needs to be done to raise awareness of donation and to urge those on the donor register to share their wishes with their loved ones.

To add your name to the NHS Organ Donor register:

call 0300 1232323,
text SAVE to 62323 or
visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk.

Please contact me on 07763 929 371 for further details.

Mark Brown

Milestone anniversary for local dance school

Julie Lockton School of Dance is celebrating 25 years of providing dance classes in Ruddington.

Julie first started in Edwalton with children's classes and an adult education class. When it came to the summer holidays the adults wanted to carry on instead of breaking up for the summer, so she set to looking for a hall suitable to carry on the classes.

Julie found the Ruddington Village Hall and started up classes there in 1995. Initially Julie ran the school by herself with her parents' help behind the scenes. She started with 20 children and 20 adults attending classes.

Today there are approximately 80 children and 90 adults on the register, with ages ranging from three years to 84 years.

Classes are available for children in ballroom, Latin, freestyle, street dance and rock and roll, and for adults in ballroom, Latin and sequence. The school also provides private lessons,

first wedding dances, and rock and roll and runs formation teams.

There are now four teachers of ballroom and Latin and three student teachers, together with three teachers of freestyle. It really is a family affair, with four generations of Julie's family involved – her mum works in the school, her daughter teaches freestyle, and her grandchildren attend classes.

Both adults and children can enter to take medals and competitions in freestyle, ballroom and Latin dancing if they wish to. Julie also organises a biannual show at The Grange, Radcliffe on Trent, and an annual dancing holiday for adults.

To find out more, please call Julie on 0115 846 5891 or 07977 298 559.

Kay Garrett

New Alpha Course Stuck in a rut?

Wondering what life is **really** about?

The Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches in Ruddington would like to invite you to come and join us to explore if there is more to life than this!

Tuesday 22nd Sept. 2015 at 7.30 pm (with meal)
OR

Thursday 24th Sept. at 2.30 (with light refreshments)

The Hub, 62 Musters Road
Ruddington, NG11 6HW

The course lasts 10 weeks on a Tuesday evening OR Thursday afternoon and is free of charge.

Contact: 07804 590002 or email
ruddalpha@yahoo.co.uk

This call or e-mail could change your life!

Come and sing choral music in September

The choir, Ruddington and District Choral Society, meets again in September, so it is a good time to join us to start practising for our November Concert. We had some new members join last year, and would welcome more new singers.

We sing a variety of music including Handel and Mozart, Bach, Poulenc and Faure. Although reading music helps, it is not essential and there are websites which help singers rehearse their different parts.

The choir has singers from the South Nottingham area. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm at St Peter's Junior School NG11 6GB.

Visit our website at

www.spanglefish.com/ruddingtonanddistrictchoralsociety/ or phone Liz Lister on 0115 9211451 to know more.

Hareham Gardens - allotment competition winners

This year there is no village-wide allotment competition so Hareham Gardens have held their own competition. Many of the plots were spruced up for the judging, carried out by Parish Councillor Marion Pell.

The winners are Sue and Rob Macshane on plot 9, with a well organised plot of lovely flowers and vegetables. They won a bottle of bubbly and a year rent free.

If you want to walk around the allotments, the Parish Council can give you a contact name to arrange a visit.

Peter Johnson – Marshall
Secretary to the Trustees

Great Central Railway reunification on track.

The Great Central Railway's landmark project to create an eighteen mile heritage railway remains on course to succeed. Despite the government announcing work to electrify the Midland Main Line has been paused, Network Rail will still assist the heritage line in building a critical new bridge.

Reuniting the two halves of the Great Central in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire requires five hundred metres of Victorian railway to be replaced. A key part is a new bridge over the four tracks of the Midland Line at Loughborough. This was originally expected to be installed during work to electrify the Midland Line later this year.

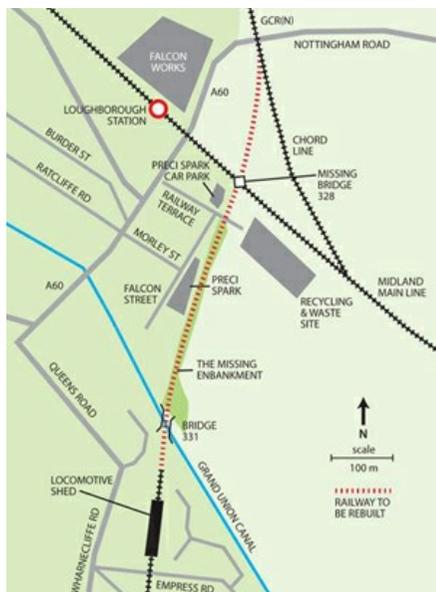
The decision regarding electrification will mean the timescale to install the new bridge will change. However, at a recent meeting Network Rail and the Great Central re-iterated their joint commitment to complete the work. In time this will ultimately allow the rest of the reunification project to be completed.

Public money has not been invested in the project but several members of staff from Network Rail have freely given their time to the community led scheme.

Bill Ford, the Managing Director of the Great Central Railway said "So many people across the country, young and old, have donated towards the cost of the new bridge. Together with our plans for a new railway museum at Leicester North, the reunification vision represents a real legacy for future generations. Our plans may change slightly, but we are determined to succeed with the support of Network Rail.

To donate to the appeal, download an appeal form at www.gcrailway.co.uk/unify or send a cheque made payable to the David Clarke Railway Trust to 'Bridge Appeal, Lovatt House, Wharncliffe Road, Loughborough, LE11 1SL.

See more at: <http://gcrn.co.uk/news/bridge-appeal-latest/#sthash.KnMDIF3k.dpuf>



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