

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Housing sites in Ruddington, and more.

Rushcliffe Borough Council is holding a **Public Consultation** event on **Thursday 11 February** between **3pm and 8pm** at **St Peter's Rooms**, Church Street, Ruddington.

The Borough Council is now preparing the second part of its Local Plan (Local Plan Part 2). It will include further policies and proposals for housing, Green Belt, employment, retail, open spaces and nature conservation.

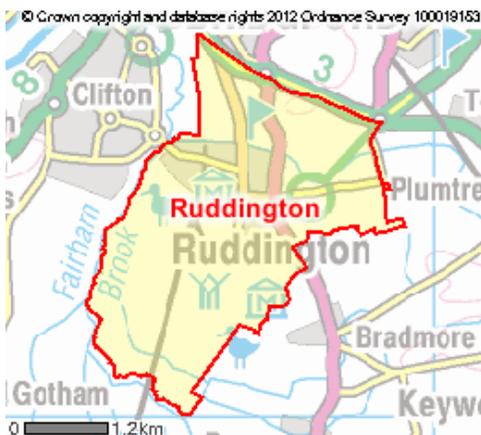
The first part of the Local Plan, which was approved in 2014, requires that a minimum of 250 new homes are built on greenfield sites on the edge of Ruddington. The consultation is, along with some other issues, to get your views on where these new homes might be built.

The consultation event at the St Peter's Rooms is open to all. Come along any time between 3pm and 8pm. More information can be found at: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy

Parish Council statement on Part 2 of Core Strategy

Ruddington Parish Council is assisting Rushcliffe Borough Council by promoting the consultation over possible housing sites in the Green Belt for Part 2 of the Core Strategy. RPC has not had any input into which sites will be included in the consultation and does not know what they are.

Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Allen Wood, said "RPC has not discussed or decided on any submission to make to RBC as part of the consultation. Indeed, there has not even been a decision to make a submission! We will wait until after the consultation event on 11th February before considering what decisions need to be made and how best to make them."



Happy birthday to us.

This issue of the Village Newsletter marks 6 years since our first issue.

As someone who has been involved with the newsletter since that first issue I am delighted that the decision the Parish Council took at that time has stood the test of time.

Lots of you will remember “The Rudd” which was launched in November 1991 by Lorna McCullough and was acknowledged as “an informative vehicle that keeps villagers updated on events-happenings-gossip etc”. When

publication ceased in November 2008 it was rumoured that a commercially funded newsletter was going to appear. After waiting for a year with no newsletter appearing the Parish Council took up the challenge of producing one.

With each issue we aim to continue to share events, happenings and the odd sprinkle of gossip! Thanks go to everyone who contributes to the content and to all of you who pick up your paper copy or read it on line. Long may we continue.

Barbara Breakwell



Bus service changes

From Sunday 31 January 2016, the following changes have been made to NCT bus services:

Navy 3

A revised Monday to Friday afternoon peak and Monday to Saturday evening timetable is introduced.

Green 10, 10C, 10X

Additional later buses for Ruddington Business Park will depart the City at 08:39 and 09:15 on Mondays to Fridays (10X). All morning buses to Ruddington Business Park will continue in service through to Ruddington Green via Kirk Lane.

You can get further details from the NCT website:

<https://www.nctx.co.uk/2016/01/changes-to-services-from-31-january-2016/>



Over 100 Christmas trees collected

Ruddington Parish Council collected and shredded over 100 Christmas trees in early January. Clerk to the Council, Gary Long, said “I am pleased that this service has been taken up by so many people. I would like to thank Chris & Scott, our Groundsmen, for their hard work in this and many other areas.”

Ruddington Xmas Fayre

The third Ruddington Christmas Fayre (the second the Parish Council organised) was held on 5th December 2015. Despite the adverse weather, it was a great success.

The Parish Council are planning to do a bigger event in 2016. Already they have had enquiries from people and organisations wanting to be involved. Fingers crossed for better weather, but they are planning for the worst.

The funds raised from this years raffle purchased play equipment for the Childrens Unit at QMC. The items bought were chosen in consultation with the ward staff and young patients.

CLRs Auckland, Robinson and Noble are seen here delivering the welcome gifts.

Table Top Sale

The members and friends of Ruddington Methodist Church were delighted to welcome so many people in on the occasion of the Ruddington Christmas Fayre - thank you all for your support.

We were also pleased that our 'Advent Calendar Window' was so popular during December. We received many favourable comments, and we are very grateful to Andy and Harriet for creating it!

Our next event will be a 'Table Top Sale' from 10 am until 12 noon on Saturday 5th March. At present there is still some space available at a cost of £15 per table; please ring 0115 9212 229 if you would like to book one.'

Anne Webster



RUDDINGTON FOLK & BLUES

Come on singers, musicians and 'listeners'!

If you sing or play an instrument then come along to the first meeting of Ruddington Folk and Blues at 8.30pm on Thursday, 18 February at the Country Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street NG11 6LA.

If you don't sing or play you're very welcome to just come and listen and enjoy different styles of music at this informal 'acoustic' evening which I hope will become a regular event in the Ruddington calendar i.e. the third Thursday in each month.

Free entry for all

Contact: Ron McSweeney 07850 770477/921 6933.

Half term activities

Its good news for parents and other carers this half term, as two of our museums will be on hand to help entertain the kids. For the first time ever, the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street has shortened its winter closing period and will reopen on Wednesday 3 February, in good time for half term which starts on Monday 15 February.

From 3 February, the museum will be open between 11am and 2pm,

Wednesday to Friday, until normal opening hours resume at Easter. During half term, there will be special screenings of the museum's award-winning interactive film, *Breaking the Frame*, on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February at 12 noon.

The film takes a fun and educational look at the Luddite movement, encouraging viewers to relate the frame-breakers' activities to modern-day crimes such as gang-related violence and vandalism.



Meanwhile, over at GCRN, our local heritage railway will be operating its first services of 2016 during half term week.

Steam or diesel trains will run on the weekends of 13, 14, 20 and 21 February, with services departing at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. The café and other attractions at the site will also be open for visitors to enjoy.

For more information, please visit either www.frameworkknitters.co.uk or www.gcrn.co.uk.

Faye Stenson

Twinning

Ruddington has for many years been twinned with the village of Grenay, which is in northern France, less than one hour from Calais. The Parish Council wishes to actively promote the twinning, in the interests of all who live in Ruddington.

We will plan a programme of activities in partnership with our colleagues in Grenay, although we do need more people to get involved. We really need a 'twinning committee' so that the programme of activities can be properly organised and resourced.



If you have an interest in twinning, and some time to spare, please get in touch with the Clerk. A few words of French would help but this is not essential; it might simply be that you want to get involved in order to learn the language.

If you are aged 30 or under we particularly want to hear from you; twinning is an activity that engages many younger people in France. If you just want to promote peace and understanding between countries, that's what twinning is about and so whatever age you are we'd be pleased to hear from you.

Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Rushcliffe still a top 10 place to live

Rushcliffe has once again been hailed as one of the best places to live in the UK, according to an annual survey carried out by the Halifax bank. Our borough was ranked at number 10 in the 2015 poll, two places lower than the previous year but still a pleasing result that residents can be proud of.

Now in its 10th year, the Halifax survey looks at a range of factors to work out a 'quality of life' score for each borough within the UK. These include employment levels, resident health, housing quality, crime rates, educational opportunities, household income, life expectancy and weather patterns.

Faye Stenson

Correction to article in January Newsletter re Honeycomb

We apologise for incorrect information in the last Newsletter regarding history of the Honeycomb.

In fact it was Les Bevor and his wife Edith (affectionately known as Edie) who lived at No. 3 Church Street for 50 years before they moved to Ling Crescent.

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

Ruddington Diary

February 2016

Tuesday 2nd February

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Rev. Jeff Bramley, 2.30pm in the Methodist Church.

Wednesday 3rd February

History Society Meeting - "History of the County Gaol" during the 18th & 19th century by Bev Baker. 8pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Sunday 7th February

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. "Wilford Village and River Trent Circular". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 9th February

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - Have fun with your little ones. 11am at the Library, FOC.

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

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

Wednesday 10th February

Ruddington W.I. - "Ruddington Framework Knitters" by Kathy Powis. Competition: A small hand-knitted item. 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Amenities Committee Meeting - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

Saturday 13th February

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.

Tuesday 16th February

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - "Beetle Drive" 2.30pm in the Methodist Church.

Thursday 18th February

Ear Foundation - Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. In St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am to 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Friday 19th February

Ruddington Business

Partnership - FREE

networking at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses.

Sunday 21st February

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

Tuesday 23rd February

Environment & Policy

Committee Meeting - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

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 February.

Wednesday 24th February

Ruddington Gardeners'

Association - AGM followed by Gardening Questions and Answers, at the Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

Friday 26th February

The Country Cottage Hotel-

Ladies Lunch, 11.30am for 12 noon sit down, all lunches support charities with funds raised.

Stop Press

The planning application for 250 houses on Asher Lane has been withdrawn.

It is possible a new one may be submitted at some point.

March 2016

Wednesday 2nd March

History Society Meeting -

"AGM". 8pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Sunday 6th March

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group. "East Leake Circular". Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 8th March

Parish Council Meeting - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any agenda items.

Wednesday 9th March

Ruddington W.I. - "Indian

Culture" by Surinder Kaur Samra, exhibition: an ornamental elephant. 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 12th March

No Parish Council surgery - moved to 19th March.

Do your bit in 2016!

If your New Year's resolution is to do something for a good cause, why not keep it local? There are plenty of opportunities right here in Ruddington to make a difference to our local community or raise money for charity. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Support your local museums

We're lucky to have no fewer than three museums in our village: the Village Museum at St Peter's Rooms, the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street and Great Central Railway North (GCRN) at Rushcliffe Country Park.

Like all museums, these organisations are always in need of volunteers to help them with all aspects of their operations, from retail sales to fundraising.

What's more, volunteering can be extremely rewarding and a great way to make new friends and learn new skills, so the benefits go both ways! So if you have a few spare hours each week or month, get in touch with one of our museums to find out how you can help. You'll find their contact details and opening hours at the Parish Council website.

Get your running shoes on

There are still places left for the 2016 Rushcliffe 10k, which takes place at the Country Park on Sunday 6 March – but numbers are limited so register now if you'd like to take part. Kicking off at

10:30am, the race is suitable for all abilities and takes runners on two circuits of the park. Everyone gets a medal and there are prizes for race winners.

The 10k is also chip-timed so it's a great opportunity to try for a Personal Best if you're a keen runner. Better still, your entry fee and any sponsorship money you collect will raise vital funds for Cerebral Palsy Sport, a Nottingham-based charity that helps people with cerebral palsy fulfil their potential through sports.

You can find out more and enter for the 10k at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/10k/

Help shape Ruddington's future

You may have seen the article in January's edition of the newsletter about a possible application for LEADER funding, which could help Ruddington enhance and develop its tourist offering.

By getting involved, you could have a say in the economic future of our village and help our residents, businesses and other organisations get the maximum benefit from any funding we receive.

For more information, or to join the LEADER bid committee, please contact the Parish Council in the first instance. Everyone is welcome, but we're especially interested in hearing from representatives of village shops, businesses and community organisations.

Faye Stenson

Traffic and Parking in Ruddington

The Parish Council often gets contacted by people wanting to raise issues about traffic and parking in Ruddington.

This area is not straight forward and a number of different organisations are responsible for different parts of the concerns that are normally raised. Some of the most commonly raised issues are covered below:

1. Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is responsible for deciding on the parking restrictions. The most frequent request is about the parking restrictions outside Sainsbury's on Wilford Road (Dutton's Hill).

NCC has been asked a number of times to change these. The response has always been that the restrictions slow down the traffic during the day – which is something that is desirable on traffic safety grounds.

2. Rushcliffe Borough Council is responsible for the enforcement of parking restrictions, although the actual work is carried out on their behalf by Broxtowe Borough Council. The Parish Council are pressing, and continue to press, for more wardens – particularly at peak times.

3. Loading and unloading is allowed on double yellow lines.
4. If the parking is 'dangerous' then the Police can take action – but they have specific criteria before they can take action.



5. Lorries cutting through the Village are a matter for NCC. If the lorries are using a direct route e.g. going to the Pasture Lane site then they are allowed to take that route even if there are restrictions.

Roundabout

As several of you will be aware there are new houses currently being built on Pasture Lane. As part of this site the developers are required to construct a mini roundabout at the junction of Wilford Road and Clifton Road.

Initially it was stipulated that it had to be built before 30 dwelling units were occupied but they have applied for a variation. This has been recently granted by the Planning Authority and so now the mini roundabout will be built before 50 are occupied or by September this year, whichever comes first.

Barbara Breakwell

Pedestrian and Cyclist Road Safety in Ruddington

The number of road cyclists has increased greatly in the last few years. Pedestrians are urged to be aware that speeds are faster and stopping distances greater than may be appreciated. Cyclists, like electric vehicles, are silent road users, necessitating the need for looking before crossing the road, not just relying on hearing.



If a pedestrian steps out into the road in front of a cyclist without looking, the cyclist cannot simply brake and stop within five to ten metres or less. In order to avoid a collision and potential significant injury to both cyclist and pedestrian, it may be necessary for the cyclist to shout a warning, which may not be well received, but is more effective than ringing a bell which may not be heard or immediately responded to, to prevent a collision. Road bikes are for this reason not generally equipped with bells. It is far safer for pedestrians to look before crossing the road!

Cyclists are legitimate road users who must be free to enjoy riding without fear of pedestrians stepping out in front

of them without looking. Pedestrians please make use of the 'Green Cross Code' and look before crossing the road.

Mrs Sue Powdrill

Editorial comment: The article above is printed as submitted. It is clearly written from a cyclists' perspective. It is right that pedestrians should be aware of cyclists and be careful not to cause an accident. It is equally right for cyclists to be aware of pedestrians and other road users, to follow the Highway Code and not to cause accidents.

Ruddington Horticultural Show 2016

Following the successful mini-show organised by the WI and Ruddington Gardeners' Association in 2015 and the many encouraging comments from entrants and visitors, Ruddington Gardeners' Association are organising another show this year.

There will be stalls, displays, horticultural exhibits, baking, children's' entries and refreshments in St Peter's Rooms on **Saturday 17th September 2016**.

Please keep this date free to visit the show but even better take part, join in the fun and make this another successful village event! More details and schedules soon (Contact details: mrdavey004@btinternet.com; 0115 9841687; Ruddington Gardeners' Association Website).

Mike Davey

Dog training at the Country Park

Further to the success of the Copper's Dog Activity Trail at Rushcliffe Country Park, a new dog training programme was launched at the park in January. At the time of writing, a three week pilot trial was underway, with 7 dogs aged between 8 months and 9 years attending with their owners. A second, six week programme begins on 1 February, with classes taking place every Monday between 11:30am and 12:30pm.



The classes, which are suitable for dogs of any age, are run by Gareth, an experienced trainer who works with Chalfield Dog Training club.

Gareth uses positive, reward-based dog training methods which involve training the dog using praise or treats. The teaching will focus on general skills that are useful for any dog, such as good recall and waiting for permission to approach other dogs – both essential for walking your dogs in public areas or off the lead.

Gareth and the Friends of the Country Park, who built the Copper's Dog

Activity Trail, hope the new classes will become a regular feature at the Country Park in the coming months. If you'd like to sign up, you can contact the Rangers at the park on 0115 921 5865 or email countrypark@rushcliffe.gov.uk. Note that future classes will probably be held at different times to suit as many people as possible, so please get in touch even if the February dates aren't convenient for you.

Faye Stenson

Big Sing.

On Saturday, May 21st this year Ruddington will host a Choir Festival. Our local Community Choir have successfully secured awards of £1,000 from The Aviva Community Fund and £500 from Skipton Grass Roots Giving to enable them to organise the **Ruddington Big Sing 2016**.

They are inviting choirs to come into the village to attend workshops on different types of singing, organising a Community Big Sing and the day will culminate in a gala concert. The Choir want to connect with other choirs and to inspire people to either join a choir or support them by attending events and concerts.

Their ultimate aim is to *"lift spirits through the power of song"*

Watch out for further details about the day.

Barbara Breakwell

English Women's Cricket -The Ruddington Connection

One of the attractions of living in Ruddington is the amazing diversity of the people who live here. This newsletter will feature some of these interesting people over the coming months. We start with cricket, a sport with long connections to the village. The Gunns lived here and went on to establish a world-famous cricket bat manufacturing company in Nottingham. Jenny Gunn currently plays for Notts and England, and she is the daughter of former Forest defender Bryn Gunn. However, this is not about bats, it's about people, and it's not about the past, it's about now.



Did you know that one of the physiotherapists working with the England Women's Cricket Team is a Ruddington resident? Anna Warren, originally from Seaford, near Brighton, enjoyed a career working within the NHS as a physiotherapist, specialising in musculoskeletal skeletal injuries (that's injuries to the walking wounded, to the uninitiated). A year ago Anna joined the

England Women's set up at Loughborough University as Lead Physiotherapist.

England Women played their first test matches in 1934 so this is not a new thing. However, these days, women's cricket is a professional and truly international sport. There are three main international teams based at Loughborough – the performance squad, the academy and the development programme. Anna works alongside another physiotherapist to support these programmes both at home and overseas. Consequently, very recently she has been to Sri Lanka.

Anna is interested in keeping not just others but herself healthy. She is also heavily committed to the sensitive restoration of older properties and has been busy on her own home. So, what does Anna think is really good about living in Ruddington, and what is not so good, what could be better, and what is the potential for women's cricket? That's all in the next edition. Nick Tegerdine

Edited by Gary Long. Ruddington Parish Council, St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street, Ruddington, Nottingham NG11 6HA. Tel: 0115 914 6660

Email: office@RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.RuddingtonParishCouncil.gov.uk

Tweet to: [@RuddingtonPC](https://twitter.com/RuddingtonPC) Facebook.com/Ruddington Parish Council

Views expressed in the newsletter are those of the contributors and may not be those of the Parish Council.

For copyright information, please contact Ruddington Parish Council or visit the website above