

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Photo Exhibition Success



Easter Sunday and Monday saw another photographic exhibition held in St Peter's Rooms, put together by the History Society, with hundreds of visitors. The exhibition featured post war pictures up to 1970. Many people were able to recognise themselves or friends.

New pictures and identification of people pictured were welcomed by the Society.

An exhibition about the three Rorke's Drift survivors buried in Ruddington was also included and photographs taken of young people in the period uniforms were popular.

A beautiful patchwork quilt made by Society member, Jean Walker, was raffled and raised £200 for the Society funds.

Peter McGowan



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Ruddington Grange Golf Club

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What has the Parish Council been doing?

A brief overview of Parish Council activities over the last year.

- Set a budget with an increase in precept of only 2% (just below the expected rate of inflation) despite a loss of £15,900 in 'transition grant' from Rushcliffe Borough Council which represents 5.7% drop in income.
- Responded to RBC consultation Phase 2 Core Strategy.
- Made a controversial decision to negotiate with Bloors for potential sale of Sellors Playing Field.
- The Estates Working Group continued with work to support the negotiations and prepare for potential changes to the Parish Council's estate.
- Xmas event. A big success despite the weather.
- Support continued to be given to St Mary's Group for phase 2 of the play equipment on St. Mary's Play Area. The Playing Field is now maintained by the Parish Council.
- Park equipment at all parks well maintained and not vandalised.
- Football, cricket and bowls playing areas prepared and maintained to a high standard.
- Village Newsletter – over 1,000 produced every month.
- Website – visits increased.
- Increased use of Social Media (Facebook & Twitter) to supplement Village Newsletter, PC website & notice boards.
- Allotments fully let out.
- Increased lettings at the Village Hall, St. Peter's Rooms & Jubilee Clubhouse.
- Ruddington Fun – free use
- New fence around play areas on Sellors & Vicarage Lane Playing Fields .
- Community Bus funded by PC, run by volunteers – to bring elderly to & from Village on a Wednesday. Many thanks to volunteers.
- Electricity & water supply put in on Village Green – enabling more events in 2016/17.
- Agreed plans for a Summer Fayre.
- Agreed and worked on a Traffic & Transport Plan.
- Entered into a new 3 year agreement for the supply of gas – prices kept at current levels.
- Twinning activities continued.
- Put pressure on NCT to provide replacement services for Ruddington Connection.

Councillor Allen Wood,
Chairman of the Council.

Local cadet becomes National Cadet Bugle Major.

Congratulations are extended to Ruddington resident, Corporal Jack Silcox, a serving Cadet since 2011, who has committed his entire Cadet career to the Robin Hood Rifles Corps of Drums, based at the Cadet Training Centre, next to the sports fields on Loughborough Road, Ruddington.



Corporal Silcox recently competed against six other potential Bugle Majors from around the country to be appointed as the National Cadet Bugle Major.

The competition is judged by one of the Army Reserves' finest serving Bugle Majors, Bugle Major King, currently serving with 7 Rifles (AR) and the serving Regimental Sergeant Major of Cadet Force Bands. They agreed that

Corporal Silcox's standard of drill was much higher than his competitors; this and his general conduct made their decision an easy one.

With this new appointment as the National Cadet Bugle Major, Corporal Silcox will be stepping into a senior role on the following year's Cadet Force Music Concentrations, which over 500 cadets will attend.

The appointment will also see him taking up a significantly more senior role within the Robin Hoods Rifles Corps of Drums, who parade on Tuesday nights 19:00-21:00 at the Cadet Training Centre as well as the wider community in general.

Barbara Breakwell

Co op on Facebook

If you're a fan of social media and special offers, you can now follow Ruddington Co op on its new Facebook page. Here you'll find all the latest information about discounts and offers, and how long they'll last, so you can stock up in plenty of time.

The store is also a keen supporter of the community, and will be including information about its fundraising activities and events on the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Co-operative-Food-Ruddington-Nottingham-1130000513699862/?fref=ts>

Kay Garrett

Ruddington Open Gardens

This charity event will take place on **Saturday and Sunday 25th/26th June** from **2.00pm to 6.00pm**.

Please put the date in your diary now! Proceeds will be shared between Save the Children and Action for Children.



As well as the open gardens/allotments, there will be live entertainment on both afternoons in the Methodist Church – on the Saturday Ruddington Community Choir will be performing and on the Sunday it will be the turn of Nottingham Ukelele Orchestra.

There will be plant, produce, cake and book stalls at various locations, a free treasure hunt for children and a Ruddington photo competition which will test your knowledge of the buildings and landmarks around the village.

Refreshments will be available at the Methodist Church Hall and on Loughborough Rd.

There is still time to get involved. If you would like to open your garden for this

event or could help out in any other way, please contact me on 07790 295266 or by email je.piggott@btinternet.com

There will be a final update in the June newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

Jane Piggott

It's all go at the Country Park

Rushcliffe Country Park is becoming a very popular venue for events of all kinds, bringing extra attractions and activities into the village for residents to enjoy. Here are just a few of the upcoming events you might like to attend or get involved in:

Bark for Life – Sunday 22 May from 10:30am

A sponsored dog walk (5km or 10km), dog-related stalls and games, professional photography and a fun dog show all in aid of Cancer Research UK.

It's £5 to take part in the walk, which includes a goody bag and bandana. You can register in advance or just turn up on the day.

Step out for Stroke Charity Walk – Sunday 12 June

A sponsored walk in aid of the Stroke Association. Entry fees are £5 for adults, which includes a Step out for Stroke t-shirt, water, a medal and regular team emails.

Chalfield Dog Show – Sunday 19 June

Chalfield Dog Training club will be holding their annual dog show on the Kite field. If you want to see the most beautiful and best behaved of man and woman's best friends this is the place to be!

Sponsored Walk for Mouth Cancer – Saturday 30 July from 10am

A sponsored walk for adults (5km) and children (2.5km), to help raise awareness of mouth cancer. Fancy dress is optional – the charity's colour is blue! There will also be stalls, cakes, a tombola, face painting and glitter tattoos. Please bring a picnic for after the walk.

All these events are top of the regular activities that take place at the park, like Parkrun, Buggyfit and the monthly Wildlife Watch Groups. For full details of all activities, please visit the Rushcliffe Borough Council website.

Faye Stenson

Please Respect our Neighbours

Rushcliffe Borough Council have recycling bins in the Parish Council Car Park (next to the Co-op)

Please only recycle your glass bottles & jars between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. as putting bottles in the bottle bank can make quite a noise.



Our local star.

At the end of the Spring Term local resident and teacher, Mrs Julia Starr, retired after 27 years teaching at James Peacock Infant and Nursery School.



Since her arrival at the school in 1989 numerous local children (including my own daughter) have been fortunate enough to have her help them along their education journey.

Her retirement was marked by a special Assembly to enable the current pupils to sing to her and present her with gifts and cards.

Julia will now be able to spend more time with her family. She and her husband also intend to utilise their newly acquired motorhome to travel and occupy their new found free time together.

The families of Ruddington extend their best wishes to her for a happy retirement.

Barbara Breakwell

Ruddington Diary

May 2016

Sunday 1st May

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. "Prestwold/Burton on the Wolds" Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 3rd May

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Carol Barstow - Bromley House, 2.30pm at the Methodist Church.

Saturday 7th May

Spring Fair - by Riding for the Disabled. St. Peter's Rooms 10am to 12 noon.

Sunday 8th May

Bowls Club - Free open day at their Elms Park 2.30pm to 5pm. All equipment is provided for free. Contact Brian on 07434 056 176, email rudd.bowls@ntlworld.com, website www.ruddingtonbowls.website.virginmedia.com

Tuesday 10th May

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.

Annual 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 11th May

Ruddington W.I. - "Resolution Meeting". 7.15pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 14th May

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.

Sunday 15th May

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

Monday 16th May

Ruddington Craft Group - 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. We are making bath bombs and a surprise craft item.

Tuesday 17th May

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - AGM, 2.30pm at the Methodist Church.

Thursday 19th May

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.

Friday 20th May

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 21st May

Ruddington Community Choir

Festival - " Big Sing" St. Peter's Rooms 11am to 5pm. Details to follow.

Dinner Dance - 8pm at Ruddington Grange Golf Club, music by Teddy Fullick Quintet. Tickets £22 including a 3 course dinner.

Tuesday 24th May

Amenities Committee - 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 25th May

Ruddington Gardeners'

Association - "The Year of the Hive" by Alec Thompson, at the Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm.

June 2016

Saturday 4th June

Nott's Wildlife Trust - from 9.30am to 12pm at St Peter's Rooms, Ruddington, NG11 6HA. On sale will be butterfly friendly plants and other items to help make your garden a haven for wildlife. Why not pop in and have a cup of tea with home-baked cakes too?

Sunday 5th June

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

Tuesday 7th June

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.

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

The Duke of Devonshire has attended his first event at the Framework Knitters Museum since agreeing to become their second Patron at the end of 2015. The Duke joined around 50 other guests at an Evening Reception on Thursday 14 April in the museum's former Methodist Chapel, after taking a look around the main museum site beforehand.



The Reception was arranged to update supporters on the museum's ambitious plans to redevelop and expand their site further to the acquisition of Gunn Cottage, an adjacent former frameknitter's cottage that separates the main museum buildings from the Chapel.

Audrey Winkler, the museum's Chairman, commented: *'The evening was a great success and it was lovely to welcome so many supporters, both old and new. The Duke launched the Reception in style with an impressive off-the-cuff speech, after which we were treated to two excellent presentations about our exciting plans to transform*

the museum site. The Reception also gave me the opportunity to introduce our new partnership with Nottingham Brewery, who provided a first-rate buffet supper at The Frame Breakers afterwards.'

In other museum news, Audrey's daughter, Kay, is bravely taking on a sponsored 5km open water swim at Lake Windermere on Friday 10 June. All funds raised will go towards the Framework Knitters Museum's redevelopment and expansion appeal. If you'd like to make a donation, please call into the museum or donate online at

www.everyclick.com/kayswimsforframeworkknittersmuseum.

Faye Stenson

Spring Break thank you

The volunteers of "Ruddington Fun" would like to thank all the children and parents/ carers who attended their very busy Spring Crafts session during the Spring Break holiday.



Ruddington Fun

They will be back in the summer with sessions planned for 1st, 15th and 22nd August. These will include a visit from Peter Presto. Watch out for further details.

Barbara Breakwell

Medilink timetable.

The free bus that runs to the City Hospital and Queen's Medical Centre has now extended its operating hours.

The Medilink service that operates from the Queen's Drive Park and Ride now starts at 6.30am until 7pm, Monday to Friday.



The service which is used by more than 1.3 million passengers annually is jointly funded by Nottingham City Council and Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Barbara Breakwell

Keep a child warm in winter

As summer approaches, many of us have a clear out of our kids' winter things which no longer fit.

Local resident Dawn Martin is running a campaign on behalf of Operation Orphan to collect winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves to send to orphans and vulnerable children living in Moldova and war-torn Ukraine.

New Beat Team

Ruddington has (another) new Beat Team. Please make a note of the new contact details:

Police Contact Information

Emergency Number 999

Non-emergency number 101

PCSO 7424 Anthony Davies

07702 141 572

PCSO 8309 Kathy Lucock

07595 074 225

West Bridgford Police Station,
Rectory Road, West Bridgford
Nottingham, NG2 6BN

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday - 8am to 8pm

Saturday - 8am to 4pm

Sunday – CLOSED

These children often face unbelievably low temperatures of -20°C , and your unwanted winter things can make a real difference in helping them to stay warm and healthy.

Please drop off any items at the Honeycomb on Church St, who are accepting the items for Dawn to collect, by 17 June.

Kay Garrett

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 of the month.

Beautiful butterflies

At this time of year there's something very special about a fragrant garden full of attractive flowers and buzzing with bees and butterflies.

But our butterfly numbers are falling. By planting species that attract butterflies and bees we can each do our bit to help protect wildlife and make our gardens into a haven for these vital creatures. It's easy to make this a reality by choosing some types of easy to grow plants. But what should you plant to attract these fascinating creatures?



In spring, flowering plants include Alyssum, Polyanthus, Cowslip, Grape hyacinth; Forget-me-not Honesty and Primrose provide nectar.

For summer flowers try Hyssop, Wallflower, Lavender, Lady's smock, Marigolds, Field scabious, Verbena, Thyme, Marjoram, Goldenrod, and Buddleia.

In autumn good food sources are Lavender, Fuchsia, Ice plant, Russian sage, Michaelmas daisies or Ivy.

Don't worry if you don't have a large garden. Even a few pots of the right type of flowers can help attract these beautiful creatures and cheer up a paved area or yard.

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's local group is holding a plant sale as part of its Annual Spring Fair to raise funds to support wildlife. It takes place on **Saturday 4 June from 9.30am to 12pm at St Peter's Rooms, Ruddington, NG11 6HA**. On sale will be butterfly friendly plants and other items to help make your garden a haven for wildlife. Why not pop in to browse and have a cup of tea with home-baked cakes too?

Calling all dog owners

If your dog is aged over 8 weeks they must now be microchipped. Since April 6th it has been illegal to own a dog which isn't.

Owners could face a fine of up to £500 if they do not comply with the new rules. If dogs are identified as not being chipped, owners can be served a notice giving them up to 21 days to get it done.



The change in the law has been introduced to reunite owners with lost or stolen pets, as well as combating illegal puppy farms and deterring dog theft.

Currently more than half of stray dogs cannot be returned as their owners cannot be identified and so they have to be put down. Collars and tags are still required but while these can get caught or removed – microchipping identifies your pet permanently and effectively

It takes seconds to insert the metal chip, which is the size of a grain of rice and contains a code which matches up to the owner's details on a database. The procedure can be carried out at a vet for a fee.

Barbara Breakwell

Haydn and Vivaldi for spring

Three well loved composers are brought together in this Spring Concert: Vivaldi Gloria and Haydn Nelson Mass, together with Handel Organ Concerto.

The Ruddington and District Choral Society has a new conductor and new accompanist.: Paul Hayward, Musical Director is passionate about sacred music. Michael Overbury is a prize winning organist.

The Ruddington Chamber Ensemble will play and there will be four soloists: Grace Bale Soprano, Katharine Choonara Mezzo-soprano, Geoffrey Hickling Tenor and Ossian Huskington Bass.

The concert is Saturday 14th May 2016 at St Peter's Church, Ruddington NG11 6HA at 7 30 pm. Tickets cost £9 including programme and refreshments. Buy in advance from 0115 9211451, from Perkins Hardware, Ruddington, or on the door. www.spanglefish.com/ruddingtonanddistrictchoralsociety/

Thank you

The Ruddington branch of The Nottingham Building Society would like to say a big THANK-YOU to everybody who helped support 'The Great Ruddington Book Sale'.



Ruddington residents had an enjoyable day that included a reading from author Michael Smedley.

The children's books were donated in the branch's ongoing support with the Hermitage preschool.

£100 is being raised & will be going to suggested charity, The RSCPCA Radcliffe-On-Trent. Becky, Lucy & Sheetal will continue to sell the remaining books in branch to raise the funds.

Bunny Wood open day

Bunny Wood Nature Reserve will be running its annual open day on Sunday 8th May from 10.30 till 4.30.



A great chance to enjoy a day out with the family in a grand bluebell wood including guided walks at 11.00 and 14.00, children's activities and the chance to learn more about wildlife. Entrance is free.

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

Bunny Wood is one of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust nature reserves (www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/nature-reserves) and is one of the best examples of ancient woodland in Rushcliffe.



It can be found on the left of the A60 climbing out of Bunny village. Car parking is available.

Pinders Circus success

Pinders Circus had a very successful visit to Ruddington from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th April.

A number of people have contacted the Parish Council to thank them and ask if the circus is returning next year.

Watch this space....

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