

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**Local couple take on fundraising feat**

Ruddington residents Don and Katie Peel have set themselves a challenge with a difference: raising a whopping £50,000 for Education for the Children, a charity that works to break the cycle of poverty in Guatemala. It all started in

April 2016 when Don, Katie and their daughter Holly visited the 'School of Hope', a non-religious free school open to some of Guatemala's poorest children. The school runs entirely on donations made to the Education for the Children Foundation. Don and Katie, who live on



Musters Road, were struck by how passionate the school is about the children's wellbeing as well as their education. Says Katie: 'Each child has their own toothbrush, and the school provides showers and healthy food. Each family is also given a water filter. Here in the UK, we take things like clean water and good food for granted – but these children simply wouldn't have them without the School of Hope.'

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Currently, the school is open to children aged 6 and over. The money that Don and Katie are raising will help the school accept younger children by funding an extra teacher and an early years classroom, complete with desks, chairs and teaching materials.



Raising £50,000 is a pretty tall order, but the couple have already collected over £5,000. Their next move is to take on The Belvoir Challenge – a 15 mile event for runners and walkers around the Vale of Belvoir – on Saturday 25th February. After that, they're planning a series of follow-up events, including The Parent Trap obstacle run in Tamworth on Sunday 16th April. Don and Katie are paying their own entrance fees to the events, so every penny raised through sponsorship will go straight to the School of Hope.

Emma Vernon of Education for the Children, comments: 'We can't thank Don and Katie enough for the fantastic support they're showing for the School of Hope. The money they raise will give some of Guatemala's poorest children an education they'd never normally receive, in a safe environment. Through

education, we can give them a real chance to earn a decent wage and break free from poverty.'

You can sponsor Don and Katie's fundraising efforts, and read their family story, at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/katie-peel6. For more information about Education for the Children and the School of Hope, please visit www.eftc.org.uk.

Faye Stenson

Happy birthday to us

This edition marks 7 years since the very first issue of the Village Newsletter in February 2010. We've come a long way from our early days – it's hard to believe that the first few editions were just 4 pages long when most issues now fill 16 pages!

Happy
Birthday!

It's certainly been an interesting 7 years of reporting local news and events, and celebrating personal and community achievements. We've even stirred up the odd controversy or two (don't mention cycle paths or swimming pools...) and ignited many a debate over local issues.

Here's to many more years of fun and factual reporting.

Thanks from Rudd Fun

As Treasurer of 'Ruddington Fun' I would like to thank the Parish Council for their continuing support of our organisation.

Their generous donation from the proceeds of the raffle and refreshments at the 2016 Christmas Fayre will help us to continue to provide free play activities for the children and families of our village.

We are currently planning our activities for this year and as always will post them on our Facebook page and produce posters, diaries etc.

If you are a grandparent who undertakes childcare roles, don't forget about us during the school holidays. Everyone is welcome, but children who attend have to be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

If you have any questions about 'Ruddington Fun' please contact me on ruddingtonfun@virginmedia.com.

Barbara Breakwell

By-election in Camelot Ward

There are three nominations to fill the vacancy in Camelot Ward on Ruddington Parish Council. They are: Yvonne Lishmann, Mark Pinks and Ian Wilson.

There will be a by-election and the vote will be held on 23rd February at the Village Hall.

Free minor ailments service

A new minor ailment scheme was introduced at Evans Pharmacy in Ruddington on 15th January, initially on a 6 month trial basis. Patients registered with Ruddington Medical Centre and Church House surgeries who are exempt from NHS prescription charges will be able to access the service.



If you visit the pharmacy with any of the following conditions, you can now be treated using selected remedies free of charge: bites, stings, allergies including hay fever, constipation, diarrhoea, earache, teething, sore throat, vaginal thrush, athlete's foot, bacterial conjunctivitis, warts, haemorrhoids, threadworms and verrucae.

You can be seen in private to receive advice on request. For further information, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Evansfamilypharmacy.

If this scheme proves successful then it will be rolled out to other pharmacies in other parts of Rushcliffe. So please come to your pharmacy first for free advice and treatments.

Emma Anderson, Pharmacist

Rushcliffe Arena now open

The brand new leisure centre at Rushcliffe Arena is now open. The new centre will replace the previous facilities both at the Arena itself and at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre, bringing all the Borough Council's indoor leisure facilities for our area under one roof.

The facilities include a 25 metre main pool, a beach-themed fun pool, a six-lane indoor bowls rink, sports hall, squash courts and a state-of-the-art health and fitness suite.



There are a range of classes and activities for all ages and abilities, and the facilities can be hired out for meetings, conferences and parties. Find out more, including opening times and prices, at www.leisurecentre.com/rushcliffe-arena.

Rushcliffe Arena is on Rugby Road in West Bridgford. There's plenty of parking for cars and bikes, or you can catch the NCT 10 bus from Ruddington which stops outside the Arena. The journey takes just a few minutes and

buses run up to every 15 minutes at peak times. You can view the latest timetable at www.nctx.co.uk.

Rushcliffe Arena is also the new home of Rushcliffe Borough Council. Staff and councillors moved into purpose-built offices above the leisure centre in December 2016 after 34 years in the Civic Centre on Trent Bridge.

However, despite the move, you'll still need to visit the Community Contact Centre if you want to speak to someone face to face. It's at the police station on Rectory Road in West Bridgford.

You'll find full contact details for Rushcliffe Borough Council at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/customerservices.

Faye Stenson

Sale of ladies' clothes

A sale of ladies' clothes in aid of Ngara Parents Primary School in Uganda will take place on Saturday 4th February from 10am to 12 noon at The Hermitage.

The proceeds of the sale will be used to help complete two new classrooms and a staffroom at the school.

Items for sale will include jumpers, T-shirts, trousers and other items, all from Dalrymples of Sawley – and at half the original price. Please note that cash and cheque payments are preferred. Tea and coffee will also be on sale at 50p a cup, along with cakes as priced.

Clem Dixon

Over 100 Christmas trees collected

Ruddington Parish Council collected and shredded over 100 Christmas trees on 9 and 10 January 2017. Clerk to the Council, Gary Long, said 'I am pleased that this service has once again proved popular around the village. I would like to thank our Groundsmen, Chris, Scott, and Jack, for their hard work in this and many other areas.'

Ruddington Folk & Blues Club

One year old and kicking!

A simple idea of local Ruddington resident Ron McSweeney to organise a monthly venue of live folk and blues music has become a resounding success – not only with local musicians but with residents as well.



These free, feel-good evenings take place every third Thursday of the month at The Country Cottage Hotel on Easthorpe Street, where you can hear a wide variety of musical genres. There's something for everyone: folk, blues, ragtime, traditional, country, pop, jazz, sing-a-longs and even novelty!

It's a place that both encourages beginners who feel they're ready to perform in front of an audience, and red hot professionals who slip in to play

some sublime numbers. And the audience is encouraged to join in with many of the songs.

With a well-stocked bar in the hotel and some very worthy raffle prizes laid on, this is a Thursday night well worth coming out for. Happy first anniversary to Ron and his simple idea. Ruddington is much the richer for it. Come along and find out for yourself.

Terry Maxwell

A new home for School's Out

Now the Body Centre has closed, School's Out holiday and after school club has had to find a new setting.

The holiday club will return to its original home at St Peter's Junior School, which offers fantastic facilities and a secure, safe space.

The after school club will now be run on a slightly different basis, with owner Liz Wright registering as a childminder, operating the club from her home and using the great resources in the village, including local parks and businesses, for group activities.

'I will be a childminder with a difference,' says Liz. 'I'll be keeping the team and group setting feel, but with the benefit of an added homely approach.'

To find out more, call 07951 477906, visit www.schoolsoutruddington.co.uk, or follow School's Out on Facebook or Twitter for all the latest news.

Kay Garrett

Parking update

The December 2016 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 169 visits
- 431 observations
- 19 penalty charge notices

This is a notable increase on November's figures, after Parking Services committed to spending more time in Ruddington at peak times and in 'problem' locations.

A plea from Australia



'My sister in law sent me some copies of the Village Newsletter. How things have changed since I lived there in the 1950s. As June Hall, I was involved with St Peter's Sunday School and the youth group. We met at the Village Hall and were a constant nuisance to Mrs Sabine. I used to ring bells too, and was Tawny Owl to the Brownies.

'I now live in Western Australia, and recently gained a PhD at the ripe old age of 79. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.'

If you'd like to get in touch with June – now called June Caunt – you can email her at ausjunecaunt@yahoo.com.

Barbara Breakwell

Editor's Note: If you're interested in June's story in Australia, search for 'June Caunt Australia' online and you'll find lots of links to information about her immigration experiences, including her PhD thesis.

Did you know?

This is the second in our series of articles to help spread the word about Parish Council services which you may not be aware of. This month, we take a look at our wheelchair lending service.

The Parish Council has several wheelchairs which may be borrowed by residents who need help getting around the village. We also have a wheeled walker (pictured).



These have been donated in the past by residents wishing to help others. If you would like to borrow a wheelchair or walker, or have one that you would like to donate, please contact the Parish Council.

Temporary road closure

There will be a temporary road closure on Fuller Street in March to enable sewer repair works to take place. All residents who are likely to be affected by the road closure should already have been informed by letter.



The closure will take place from 8am on Monday 6th March to 5pm on Friday 17th March 2017. Fuller Street will be closed from its junction with Musters Road in a northerly direction for a distance of 30m. Whilst the road is closed, there'll be a temporary suspension of the one way system that's usually in place on Fuller Street and Top Road.

During the closure period, vehicles will be allowed to proceed in both directions on Fuller Street between the extent of the closed area and its junction with Top Road, and on Top Road between its junctions with Fuller Street and Asher Lane.

Brightening up Christmas with the WI

At their December meeting, members of Ruddington WI enjoyed a delicious selection of party food prepared by members and had a lot of fun making a Christmas tree to brighten their homes over the festive period.

Traditionally, members bring along gifts to the December meeting which are then taken to Lings Bar Hospital. This year the presents were all beautifully and expertly wrapped, thanks to a workshop in October organised by Caroline Greene from Phoenix Trading. It is hoped that the distribution of these gifts brightened the lives of those patients who were without visitors on Christmas Day.

This year, Kathy Powis was invited to our December meeting to receive a cheque for £850 towards the running of the Keyworth Community Bus. These funds were raised at the WI's annual Garden Party in July and will serve to brighten the lives of those local residents who regularly make use of this fantastic facility.

If you feel that your life needs brightening up a little in these dull dreary days after Christmas, why not give the WI a try in the New Year? We have a lot to offer! Please have a look at our website for information and photographs of our recent activities: www.ruddingtonwi.weebly.com.

Linda Davey

Ruddington Diary

February 2017

Wednesday 1st February

History Society Meeting – ‘A Soldier’s Story: Letters from a Professional Soldier, Recreating the Gallipoli Campaign’ by Christine Ditcham. 8 pm in St Peter’s Rooms.

Framework Knitters Museum & Chapel Art Gallery – reopen after winter break. Wednesday to Saturday 11am-4:30pm. Visit www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk for details.

Saturday 4th February

Sale of ladies’ clothes in aid of Ngara Parents Primary School in Uganda – 10am to 12 noon at The Hermitage. Clothes from Dalrymple’s of Sawley, all at half price. Refreshments available.

Sunday 5th February

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – “Bunny to Wysall circular” Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

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.

Wednesday 8th February

W.I. – ‘Bits & Bobs’: Bob Neill. At St Peter’s Rooms 7:15 pm

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.

Saturday 11th February

Councillors’ Surgery – 10 am to 12 noon at St. Peter’s Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough and County Councillors about local issues. A representative of Notts Police will be present if you wish to raise policing issues.

Rushcliffe Country Park Wildlife Watch Group (8-13 year olds) – ‘Fabulous Fossils’, 11am to 1pm. Meet at the Education Room. Kids under 8 must be accompanied by adult. Suggested donation £2. Dress for the weather!

Tuesday 14th February

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

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

Thursday 16th February

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

Ruddington Folk & Blues night

- Live 'all styles' music and song, 8.00pm at The Country Cottage Hotel.

Friday 17th February

Ruddington Business

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

Tuesday 21st February

Environment & Policy

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

Wednesday 22nd February

Ruddington Gardeners'

Association – Annual General Meeting, followed by "Vines and Wines" with Judd Bryer and free wine tasting at The Hermitage 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm.

Wednesday 1st March

History Society Meeting – Annual General meeting followed by members evening. 8 pm in St Peter's Rooms.

Sunday 5th March

Ruddington Footpaths

Preservation Group – "Wysall to Willoughby circular" Meet on the Green at 2.15 pm.

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

Tuesday 7th March

Parish Council – 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 agenda items.

Wednesday 8th March

W.I. – 'Growing old disgracefully': Pam Wisher. At St Peter's Rooms 7:15 pm

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

Trip to Kyrgyzstan

I have been asked to pen a few words about our recent holiday to Kyrgyzstan, as a slightly unusual holiday destination.

In the months before our trip, most people's first response when we told them about our plan to visit Kyrgyzstan tended to be 'Where?' Kyrgyzstan is in Central Asia, bordering China and Kazakhstan, and is located on the Silk Road, as well as being part of the former Soviet Union. The next question that people tended to ask was 'Why?!' We have a keen interest in travel and enjoy seeing different cultures, and as soon as we read a small article about Kyrgyzstan we were keen to go.



Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country with many outdoor activities to take part in, which is something that we particularly enjoy. It is very easy to travel around, very reasonably priced and extremely scenic. As an added bonus it offers visa free travel to encourage tourism, but sees few enough tourists that visitors to the country are generally given a very warm

welcome, and have to deal with very little hassle from touts. As somewhere that sounded very different to anywhere that we had been before, it sounded like a great place for an adventure.



We started our trip with a three day horse trek to the Song-Kul lake through mountainous summer pastures, staying with local families in yurts along the way. Despite the fact that we were absolute novices the horses looked after us and calmly took us to our destination, giving us plenty of time to appreciate the incredible scenery.

We spent time in the villages around Lake Issyk-Kul, the second largest mountain lake in the world, surrounded by snow-capped mountains (but just warm enough to swim in). And finally we spent three days trekking around the mountains of Karakol.

In practical terms the food was not something to write home about, but generally hearty with generous portions, (although there was always a risk that horse might be on the menu).

We felt very safe moving around the country – often arriving at small villages with no prior bookings and being

welcomed into people's houses. We only encountered one hairy moment when a couple of confidence tricksters tried their luck in the capital (as with any capital), but after holding tightly to our passports we were able to walk away unscathed.

It would have been helpful if we could speak a few words of Kyrgyz/Russian so that we could have had a bit more of a chat with the locals, but we managed fine for all practical purposes by pointing. Transport was easy to find and arrange, and the hospitality that we experienced from almost everyone that we met was a real highlight of the trip. All in all a great trip and although it isn't for everyone, we would highly recommend a trip to Kyrgyzstan to anyone who likes going off the beaten track or simply getting lost in the great outdoors.

Stephen Kirby, Parish Councillor

New website coming soon



The Parish Council website is currently undergoing a revamp to simplify the site's structure and update or remove old information. The new site is being built 'behind the scenes' and should be made live some time in February.

In the meantime, please bear with us if you notice any out of date information – it'll all be up to date in the next couple of weeks! We hope you like the new site and find it easier to navigate than before. If you have any comments after it goes live, please contact Faye Stenson at the Parish Council office.

'Let's Bake'

The Great British Bake Off television programme attracted vast viewing figures during its recent series. Were you one of them and have you been inspired to 'have a go?' If so, Julia's Kitchen at 14 High Street can help.



One of the reasons the business was moved from Church Street to larger premises last autumn was to expand the range of products they can offer. The award-winning team still sell and decorate cakes, but they also now stock everything a budding or experienced cake maker may need.

This includes beginner's kits, cake decorating resources, cake boards, cake toppers, ready-made coloured icing, etc. If you're interested in cake-making, why not pop in?

Barbara Breakwell

We will remember them WW1 Casualties this month 100 years ago

6th FEBRUARY 1917

Private **Fred Peacock**, aged 23, 10th
Royal Warwickshire
Son of Frederick and Eliza Peacock of
The Leys, Ruddington
Buried: Couin New British Cemetery,
Pas de Calais

22nd FEBRUARY 1917

Private **Edwin Pike Marriott**, aged 40,
8th Lincolnshires
Son of Annie Foxon, 3 Savages Row,
Ruddington
Buried: Longuenesse (St. Omer)

Local schools supporting great charities

Congratulations to schoolchildren in Ruddington, who have been busy raising funds and donating items for a range of charities.

In the lead up to Christmas, children at St Peter's Junior School raised £213.40 by doing chores at home, and donated 195 teddies and 142 pairs of shoes to be sent to Uganda.



Meanwhile, James Peacock Infant School – who are spearheading the appeal – added £67.50 to the funds with a ‘Guess the number of teddies in the car’ competition.

St Peter's also took part in the shoe box initiative for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. A staggering 132 boxes, containing toys, stationery, toiletries, hats, scarves and gloves were brought into school and have been sent to children in need overseas.

The school has also linked up with the Care for Calais appeal to send warm winter clothes to refugees in the French port, with children donating trousers, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Well done to all involved!

Kay Garrett

Bus change reminder

As of 29th January, the NCT 3 bus will be running to a revised timetable and an extended route through Clifton. Monday and Saturday daytime bus frequencies have been increased to up to every 20 minutes, whilst evening buses will run every 30 minutes until around 8pm.

All Sunday buses will now run through to Clifton instead of terminating in the village - good news for residents living on and around Clifton Road.

For full details of all the changes and to view the new number 3 route map, please visit www.nctx.co.uk/cliftonchanges.

Museum and art gallery reopen

The Framework Knitters Museum and Chapel Art Gallery will reopen on Wednesday 1st February after their winter break. The fourth exhibition at the Chapel Art Gallery, which began in November 2016, features local artists Lynda Childs, Dawn Wilsher and Nigel Boughton-Smith. It will run until Wednesday 22nd February 2017.

The Chapel Art Gallery, opened in spring 2016, is a partnership between the Nottingham Society of Artists and the Framework Knitters Museum. It features work from some of the finest artists in Nottinghamshire, and a contribution from the sale of any artworks is split between the museum and the society.



Meanwhile, the museum itself is gearing up for a brand new programme of events in 2017 under the guidance of new manager, Nicola Wood. These will include a selection of themed events and activities, as well as a year-long initiative to knit 'The longest scarf in Nottingham' on one of the museum's vintage Griswold knitting machines.

Says Nicola: 'This will be a really exciting year for the museum with lots of new, fun, family-friendly events and activities. We will be kick starting the year off with our ever-popular annual Easter Bunny Hunt, which will be taking place on Good Friday from 11am to 4pm, and in May we will be holding our first ever "Swing back to the Forties" living history event! And look out, as we launch our new "Griswold Gang" kids' summer holiday club in August, which will be packed full of themed, funky and fun creative workshops.'



The Framework Knitters Museum and Chapel Art Gallery are open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 4:30pm until Easter, when opening hours are extended to include Sundays 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Entrance to the gallery is free, whilst admission fees apply to the museum. The Textile Emporium and café are open to all visitors and the public at the above times to buy refreshments and souvenirs.

For the latest information on events and activities, please visit www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

Faye Stenson

Nottingham Youth Orchestra says 'Thank you'

In late January, Ruddington Choral Society gave a cheque for £352.60 to Jane Harwood, a passionate supporter of the Nottingham Youth Orchestra (NYO).

Jane, a soprano soloist, had sung at the Choir's last concert and donated her fee to the NYO bursary fund. The Choir also chose the NYO as its Christmas Charity. The photo shows Paul Hayward, Choir Musical Director, presenting the cheque.



Jane says, 'The orchestra is for young people to discover the thrill of music that will last a lifetime. This money will go to the NYO bursary fund to help those families enrol their children who would not otherwise be able to afford it.'

The NYO has three symphony orchestras and two jazz orchestras, with almost 300 young players currently involved.

Liz Lister

A perennial problem...

As many residents will be aware, the parking situation on Dutton's Hill has been a bone of contention for some time. But did you know the problem has been around for almost 50 years?!

Take a look at this extract from the Minutes of the (long defunct) Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee on 7th January 1969:

'...That vehicles parked on Dutton's Hill were a hazard.

'Clerk's observations:

'This matter had been considered when the restrictions were reviewed and it had been felt that if traffic had uninterrupted movement over the hill, the speed of vehicles as they approached the Easthorpe Street/Church Street junction would create an even greater hazard.'

This is still the stance held by Notts County Council's Highways division (now known as Via) today.

Elsewhere in the village, another thorny problem from the 1960s also persists to this day. In 1969, the Parish Council received complaints about the state of the hedges at the approach to the now demolished railway station (now Old Station Drive) on Clifton Road, as they were obscuring the view of motorists approaching this area. Something that the Parish Council still receives complaints about to this day!

Allen Wood, Chair of the Parish Council

All change

On 28th March 2017, the new £1 coin will be introduced. Gone will be the round, bronze-coloured coin which replaced the green £1 note in 1983. In will come a dodecagon (12-sided) coin. Like the current £2 coin, it will be bi-metallic and have a silver-coloured middle and bronze-coloured edges.



Myself and doubtless others will recall a previous dodecagon coin, the brass threepenny bit (pronounced ‘thrupp-nee’). This ceased to be legal tender when decimalisation arrived in 1971.

The reason for the change to the £1 coin is apparently that the current round coin is too easy to forge. The new one will have so many security features that it is stated that ‘it will be the most forgery-proof in the world’.

Obviously, numerous everyday things that currently take £1 coins will need changing to accommodate the new coins, e.g. car parking machines, shopping trolleys, slot machines, lockers at leisure centres and gyms, to name just a few.

Also, don’t forget that paper £5 notes cease to be legal tender in May this year. Polymer £10 notes are due to be introduced this summer.

Barbara Breakwell

Why ‘Dutton’s Hill’?

I was recently asked if I knew why Dutton’s Hill was so named. Having only lived in the village for 36 years I, am not a true Ruddite, i.e. not born and bred here. So I asked a man who has longer village connections: Gavin Walker.

An oracle of all local history, Gavin told me that the hill was named after a man called Mr Dutton who in the mid-1800s lived and worked in the property that is now the barber’s. Apparently, he was a phrenologist. This involved observing and feeling the skull to determine an individual’s psychological attributes e.g. personality and character. It was taken very seriously in that era.

Further research at our library showed that his son, George Dutton, also traded as a grocer, draper and leather-cutter in the same area of Wilford Road.

In 1909, Reuben Grice started his cycle dealer business in the same vicinity. He did bike repairs, offered car maintenance to the few car owners of that period and sold paraffin oil. Over subsequent years, his business diversified to include furniture and electrical goods. Locals then referred to it as ‘Grice’s Hill’.

Barbara Breakwell

175 houses off Asher Lane?

A planning application (16/03123/OUT) has recently been submitted for 175 houses off Asher Lane. This follows the application in 2015 for 250 houses which was withdrawn. The Parish Council held a public meeting on 24th January to consider its response and agreed to object. Over 100 people attended and no-one spoke in favour of the proposed plans.

In summary, the Parish Council's objection is:

- This land is Green Belt and there have been no good reasons put forward why there is a need to build on this Green Belt land.
- The proposals will increase traffic significantly throughout Ruddington and on the already busy A60 Loughborough Road.
- There will be particular problems on Asher Lane from the top of Musters Road to Distillery Street and in the centre of Ruddington. There are already real problems with parking and driving in this area and a new housing estate off Asher Lane will make these much worse.
- The proposal to 'signalise the High Street/ Kirk Lane / Charles Street crossroads Junction' would have a negative impact on this commercial and residential area of the village centre.



The deadline for comments/objections is the first few days of February, but the Borough Council will probably be accepting objections after the official date. If you want to object, please visit <https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/>. You can put in the application number to view the application details.

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