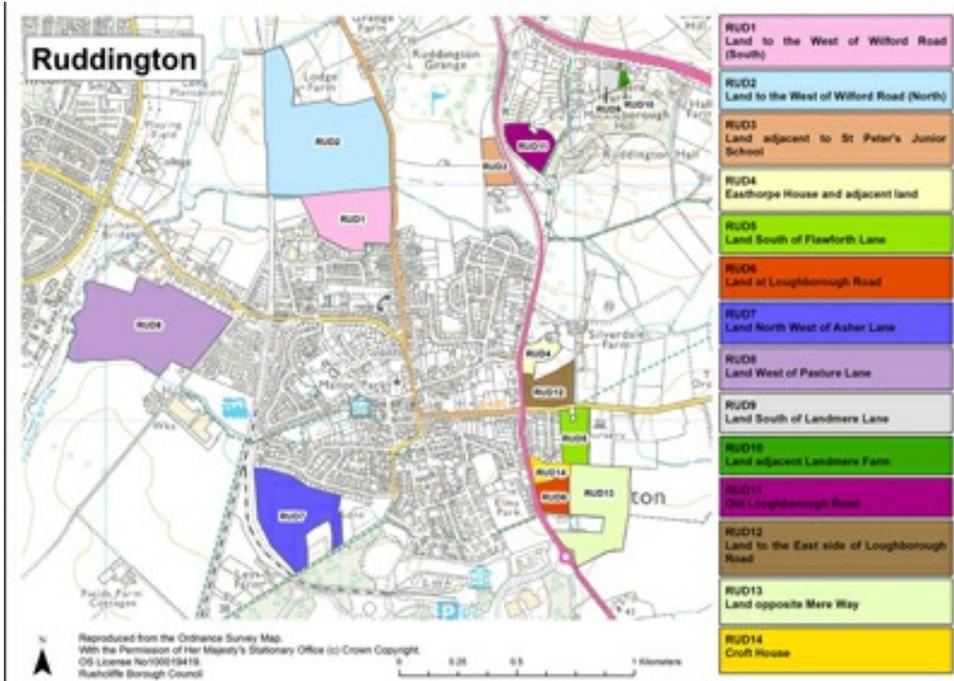


Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Have your say on Ruddington housing



Rushcliffe Borough Council is consulting on 'Further Options' for its Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies until 5pm on Friday 31st March 2017. This includes some additional proposed development sites that have been put forward for Ruddington.

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At the same time, Rushcliffe is also consulting on:

- A draft Rushcliffe Green Belt Review (Part 2(b)) for additional sites; and
- A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.

The CIL is a levy that Rushcliffe can charge on new developments to fund new infrastructure that's needed to support the developments. As part of preparing the CIL, Rushcliffe has produced a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and is now consulting on this.

Further details are set out at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy, where you can view all the consultation documents and find out how to make comments.

Rushcliffe have agreed that the Parish Council can delay its response until after a public meeting that will take place at St Peter's Rooms on 11th April at 7.30pm.

If you wish to comment personally on any of the consultation documents, please do so before the deadline of 5pm on Friday 31st March.

**We will remember them
WW1 Casualties this month
100 years ago**

16th MARCH 1917

Private **Richard Wootton**, aged 38,
Lincolnshire Labour Companies

Son of John Wootton, Easthorpe
Street, Ruddington

Final total for Kathy's Wing Walk

It seems ages since I took to the skies over Leicestershire standing on the wing of the Stearman Biplane, but at last we can announce that the total amount raised for the Framework Knitters' Museum Redevelopment & Expansion Fund is £4,400. This exceeded all expectations, so a big 'Thank You' to everyone who sponsored, encouraged, came to watch, or helped with publicity.

Kathy Powis



A good result

The new school term saw a visit from Ofsted to St Peter's Junior School. Last inspected in July 2013, this was a Short Inspection which concluded that the school had maintained its Good rating.

The report highlighted a parental view that *'The school has a holistic outlook and treats each child as an individual, helping them to develop their creativity and confidence alongside the curriculum.'*

Congratulations to the staff team and the pupils.

Barbara Breakwell

Camelot Ward by-election result

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

The vote was held on 23rd February at the Village Hall. The result was:

- Yvonne Lishmann: 94
- Mark Pinks: 120
- Ian Wilson: 87

So Mark Pinks is the new councillor for Camelot Ward. Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Allen Wood, said: 'I welcome Mark to the Parish Council and look forward to working with him for the benefit of Ruddington.'

In the meantime, Nick Tegerdine has resigned from the Parish Council. Ten electors from Easthorpe Ward can request a by election by 14th March; otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Councillor Wood said: 'I would like to thank Nick for his time on the Parish Council, for the immense amount of work that he has done and acknowledge the positive changes that he has initiated. As a Committee Chair over the past number of years Nick has been central to all the developments that have been made and possibilities we are considering. He has also done much work behind the scenes, supporting the staff through some difficult times. Gary (the Clerk) has asked me to add his thanks to mine. Nick's wise counsel will be missed by both of us, as well as the Parish Council as a whole.'

Spring Concert

Ruddington Methodist Church are holding a Spring Concert on Saturday 1st April, starting at 7pm. Singer Felicity Scott is making a return visit to the Church after first performing at our Harvest Lunch last October. Felicity will be accompanied on piano by Matthew Lazenby.

Tickets are £6 and include light refreshments. Tickets are available by calling 0115 921 2662 or visiting the Saturday Coffee Morning in the Church Hall between 10.30am and 12noon. All proceeds from the Spring Concert will go towards the Church boiler fund.

Carole Farrow

United we stand

After several years on the High Street, Grange Bakery recently relocated to operate alongside their sister business, Grange News, on Church Street.



This move has afforded the bakery business more space, both in their kitchen and preparation areas, as well as a better customer waiting area. Collectively, the two businesses are now known as Grange Retail.

The Bakery has plans to extend the range of products and services they offer. Their old location on the High Street is also scheduled to be revamped in the future, so watch this space.

Barbara Breakwell

Beetle Drive

A Beetle Drive is being held on Tuesday 28th March to raise funds for new classrooms and a staffroom at The Parents' School in Ngora, TESO Uganda – a charity that's supported by St Peter's Church.

The event will take place at the Church from 7pm, with a prompt start at 7:30pm. There will also be a quiz and a raffle. Tickets cost £5, including refreshments of tea, coffee and cake, and are available from Honor on 0115 921 1565 and Mal on 0115 921 3144.

Film showing: 'The Battle of the Somme'

A showing of the film 'The Battle of the Somme' has been organised by Ruddington Local History Society, supported by Nottinghamshire Heritage Forum, to raise much-needed funds for Ruddington Village Museum. The showing will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm at St Peter's Rooms.



Part propaganda, part documentary, the Somme film was launched in August 1916 and seen by over 20 million people in the six weeks following its release. The film's graphic depiction of life in the

trenches during World War 1 is both poignant and thought provoking.

Now you can experience a Cinematographic Exhibition at Ruddington's Kinema, which will be decorated with propaganda posters, 1916 adverts and patriotic bunting. During the film, members of Nottinghamshire Heritage Forum will talk about the battle and life in the trenches, the experience of conscientious objectors and the Home Front in Nottinghamshire.

Tickets cost £2.50, including interval refreshments, and are available from Ruddington Village Museum on Thursdays between 10am and 12.00 noon. Or, you can email enquiries@ruddington-museum.org.uk or call 0115 914 6645 (answerphone).

Gavin Walker

Food Fair

On Sunday 12th March, the Friends of James Peacock Infant School are organising their Annual Food Fair. The event will run from 11am to 2pm at the school in Manor Park.

There will hot food available to eat at the Fair and plenty more yummy food to take home.

There will also be a chocolate tombola, a raffle for a wheelbarrow of wine and children's craft activities.

Entry is £1 for adults and FREE for children. Everyone is welcome.

Barbara Breakwell

Busy month for Country Park

Spring is in the air (almost) and as people get out and about more, Rushcliffe Country Park is stepping up its programme of events. Activities in March include the Rushcliffe 10k and 2k Fun Run on Sunday 5th, Rushcliffe School Sport Partnership Cross Country on Tuesday 7th and the Stroke Association Resolution Run (5k or 10k) on Sunday 19th.



If that all sounds like too much hard work, why not enjoy tea and cake provided by 4th Keyworth Guides Charity Café at the Visitor Centre on Sunday 12th? MACS, a charity that supports children born without eyes or with undeveloped eyes, is also holding a Charity Teas event at the Visitor Centre on Sunday 26th. Both events start at 9am.

As well as these activities, all the regular things that take place at the Country Park will also be running. These include the weekly parkrun and Junior parkrun on Saturdays, the Friends of Rushcliffe Country Park Café on Sundays 5th and 19th, and 'Linger by the Lake' Coffee

Morning on Wednesday 15th. There's also the monthly Wildlife Watch Group on Saturday 11th, and weekly BuggyFit and Kettlercise classes on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively.

There's something for everyone, so get yourself off the sofa and enjoy the fresh air! You'll find more details of all these events at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rushcliffecountrypark.

Faye Stenson

Allotment vacancies

There are still a small number of plots available, so please get in touch with the Parish Council if you're interested in taking on an allotment. A 75 square metre starter plot at Paradise Gardens (off Wilford Road) costs less than £15 a year. This site has a water supply and space for sheds and greenhouses.

There are two further sites in Ruddington that are not operated by the Parish Council. These are Hareham Gardens and Buttercup Gardens on Asher Lane. If you are interested in any of these 3 sites, please contact the Parish Council office in the first instance.

Pasta shop on Easthorpe St.

Is there anyone who recalls this small shop next to the garage, which used to sell fresh pasta? If you have any recollections, would you like to share these so they can be used in future editions of the Village Newsletter? If so, please contact the Parish Council office.

Allen Wood

Ruddington Diary

March 2017

Wednesday 1st March

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

Sunday 5th March

Rushcliffe 10k & 2k Fun Run – Ruddington Country Park, Ruddington, 8am to 1pm. Race Times: 10:30am & 10:45am.

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – Wysall to Willoughby circular. Meet on the Green at 2:15pm.

Tuesday 7th March

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship 'Meeting to be arranged' at 2.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. Everyone welcome.

Knickers for Knowledge Fashion Show – St Peter's Junior School, 7pm to 10pm. 75% off high street underwear brands. Raffle. All profits to the Mustard Seed Project in Uganda. Tickets £5 from St Peter's or James Peacock Schools.

Parish Council – 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 8th March

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

Saturday 11th March

Councillors' Surgery – 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

Rushcliffe Country Park Wildlife Watch Group - Fun and games for 8-13 year olds – 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 March

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.

Thursday 16th March

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, 8pm at The Country Cottage Hotel.

Friday 17th March

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 21st March

Methodist Church Women's Fellowship. 'Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes' at 2.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. Everyone welcome.

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 22nd March

Amenities 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.

Tuesday 28th March

Beetle Drive – at St Peter's Church, 7pm for 7:30pm, to raise funds for new classroom and staffroom at The Ngora Parents' School in Uganda. Refreshments, quiz & raffle. Tickets £5. Available from Honor on 0115 921 1565 or Mal on 0115 921 3144.

Wednesday 29th March

Ruddington Gardeners' Association – 'Echo Location Location:' Finding the Bats of Nottinghamshire with Michael Walker at The Hermitage 7pm for 7:30pm.

You can often find more details of the events on the Parish Council website:

www.ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Saturday 1st April

WI Spring Fayre at St Peter's Rooms. Details to be confirmed.

Spring Concert at Ruddington Methodist Church – Singer Felicity Scott, accompanied on piano by Matthew Lazenby. 7pm. Tickets are £6 and include light refreshments. Call 0115 921 2662. All proceeds for the Church boiler fund.

Sunday 2nd April

Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group – "Willoughby to Widmerpool circular" Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

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

Fashion show for Uganda

Since returning from Uganda last summer, Sally Squires and Jayne Henson, who both teach at James Peacock Infant School, have set up a fundraising group called 'The Mustard Seed Project'. The group's aim is to build a school for children taught on an island in a Ugandan swamp.

Currently the children on Tisai Island are taught under mango trees and can only access education when the weather is fine. The Mustard Seed Project has already provided access to clean water for the children, who were previously drinking from the dirty swamp.



The funds have also helped provide thousands of bricks. They now want to turn those bricks into a school. To help make this happen, the group is running a 'Knickers for Knowledge Fashion Show' on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm, at St Peter's Junior School in Ruddington.

Tickets cost £5 (the equivalent of 200 bricks or a term's worth of food for the children!) and include a wonderful goody bag, as well as up to 75% off

well-known clothing brands. The event will also feature a raffle with some great prizes, and glasses of Prosecco available to buy from our 'Brabar'. Donations of new knickers and any bra in good condition are very welcome!

Tickets for the Fashion Show are available from both St Peter's and James Peacock Schools. If you'd like to know more about our group and its activities, search for 'Mustard Seed Project (Teso, Uganda)' on Facebook and join our page.

Sally Squires

Exhibition at Black Cat Café

The Black Cat Café is holding an exhibition of watercolour paintings and a selection of hand painted terracotta pots at the café, all of which are for sale. The exhibition starts on 1st March 2017 and will run for the whole of March. If you'd like more information, please call in to the café or ring Karen Kerslake on 07932 125 693.

Parking update

The January 2017 traffic patrol statistics for the village were:

- 184 visits
- 521 observations
- 27 penalty charge notices

This is another increase on December 2016's figures. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation going forward.

Before the movies there was...

Long before the age of television and cinema screens, a popular form of entertainment was the Magic Lantern Show, developed in the 17th century.

Pat, Peter and Michael Spencer have been delighting audiences with their show 'Kaleidoscope' for more than ten years. They're coming to the Framework Knitters Museum on Monday 3rd April at 2.30pm, bringing their 100 year old projector and hundreds of hand painted glass slides. Some of them move! The show includes 'Belle Belton and her Bicycle Adventure' from the 1890s, 'Come to the Circus' and other romantic, humorous or moralistic tales.



The audience is invited to search the attic for any old slides, perhaps inherited from grandparents, and the Spencers will try to show them. There will also be time for questions as the presenters are keen to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for their fascinating hobby.

(Electricity has replaced the limelight of the 1800s so there are no combustible

gases or hazardous chemicals to worry the Health and Safety people!)

Tickets cost £6 including refreshments and are available from the Museum (currently open Wednesdays to Saturdays, 11am to 4:30pm), or from Kathy Powis on 0115 984 5375.

Did you know?

This is the third in our series of articles to help spread the word about Parish Council services which you may not be aware of. This month, we focus on the toilet facilities that are available to the public in St Peter's Rooms.

Like many towns and villages, Ruddington no longer has any 'official' public toilets in the village centre (the nearest ones are in Rushcliffe Country Park). The Parish Council recognises that this is a less than ideal situation, so the toilets in St Peter's Rooms are available for the public to use whilst the Parish Council office is open.

Our usual opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 12:30pm. However, the office is sometimes open to the public in the afternoons as well, in which case the toilets will also be available.

Toilet facilities include a separate disabled toilet. and baby change facilities that are kept in the ladies' but can be moved into the men's if required. Please use all these facilities with respect and leave them in the condition in which you'd like to find them yourself.

Ruddington resident reaches Mrs Galaxy UK final

Local resident Kayleigh Brooks has reached the final of the 2017 Mrs Galaxy UK competition. The final will take place on Thursday 9th March at the Park Hall Hotel in Lancashire, with the winner being flown to Orlando, Florida to compete in the international Galaxy Pageants.



Says Kayleigh: 'The Galaxy UK pageant is a beauty pageant with a difference. There are no height or size restrictions and unlike most other pageants, women can be mothers and/or married as there are Ms and Mrs categories, as well as Miss and Junior Miss. There are also other awards available, including Best Smile and Miss Congeniality.'

The Mrs Galaxy UK competition has four categories: interview, fashion wear, swim wear and evening wear. The interview gives the judges the chance to find out more about the contestants and what they've been up to since

gaining their regional titles. The international final follows the same format, but with competitors from all over the world. The current Mrs Galaxy is a winner from the UK so there's a lot to live up to!

Adds Kayleigh: 'Galaxy encourages the girls to do as many public appearances as possible to help local and national causes. As part of my reign, I'm raising funds for Galaxy's chosen cause, The Christie Charity, which provides enhanced services in respect of cancer prevention.

'So far, I've held a raffle, done a bungee jump and will also be holding a bake sale. My aim is to raise £600 and I've reached £400 so far. I've also donated to food banks, charity shops and a care package scheme for those with chronic illness.'

Kayleigh's quest for international success is sponsored by the Colwick Hall Hotel, where she held her wedding reception with husband, Ryan. 'They've been so supportive and I've even written a blog for them as part of my title year,' says Kayleigh.

If you'd like to support Kayleigh's fundraising efforts for The Christie Charity, you can donate online at her Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/Kayleigh-Brooks.

Congratulations to Kayleigh on your success so far and good luck in the UK finals!

Faye Stenson

Burglaries from allotments

Further to two shed break-ins at Gotham Allotments in January, the police have warned that other allotments in the Rushcliffe area could be targeted in a similar way. Nottinghamshire Police have published an Advice Guide called 'Securing your Shed' which offers advice and recommendations to help you protect your property. You can read or download the guide at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/prevention.

Don't panic... it's only flour

During a weekend in late January, piles of mysterious white powder appeared around our village centre. Social media went mad and speculation was rife as to who might be responsible and why – and even whether the unidentified substance may be harmful to our pets and wildlife.

Kaye Chem discerned via Twitter that the trail had been laid by Quorn Hash House Harriers (QH3) who '...belong to the worldwide phenomenon of Hashing and run/walk for fun in the Nottingham-Derby-Leicester area following a trail marked with flour.'

As I had actually seen two people in the village with bags of flour, I took the liberty of contacting the group and received the following reply:

'I must apologise to those in Ruddington who became concerned over the white powder on our Sunday

trail around Ruddington and its environs.'

They also explained that they usually do their trails in the countryside, but in the winter months they use urban trails and accordingly their marker, i.e. the flour, is more obvious to local residents.

I suggested that in future they might use social media to alert urban areas to upcoming events, an idea they have acknowledged as a sensible one.

Apparently they always welcome new members and usually finish the trail in a local hostelry. The Frame Breakers was their finishing point on their visit to Ruddington.

Barbara Breakwell & Graham Wright

The 'Rudd' revisited

This publication celebrated its 7th birthday last month, but we have a long way to go to equal the life span of the previous village newsletter, the 'Rudd'. This was published from 1991 until 2008 and was the source of 'events, happenings and gossip' etc.

Lorna McCullough has kindly loaned me her copies of the 'Rudd' and in the March issue 25 years ago, it was reported that Ruddington fell victim to crime. The copy read:

'In 1992 Arthur Chatterley, the village Postmaster at the time, was shot through the hand during an attempted robbery at the Post Office. No money was stolen.'

Barbara Breakwell

Keeping fit... locally

With the sad closure of the Body Centre, many of you may be wondering how to keep fit and stay in shape if you regularly attended their classes.

But don't worry – there are still plenty of options in and around the village to support you. It's important we all get the right amount of exercise; visit www.nhs.uk/livewell/fitness to find out what's recommended for your age group.



If you enjoy running, Rushcliffe Country Park offers Parkruns on a weekly basis – see www.parkrun.org.uk/rushcliffe to find out more. And if running isn't for you, you might find it easy to fit walking into your daily life, during shopping or walking your kids to school.

Local former fitness instructors at the Body Centre are now running the following classes:

- Alexandria-Lilliman Barker offers Fitness Pilates at the Hermitage in Ruddington on Monday nights, 7.15pm to 8pm and 8.15pm to 9pm. Call 07900 402 766 to book your place.
- Rachel Charlesworth is running Body Buddha, which offers run club and personal training throughout the week and Kettlercise on Sunday mornings – search for 'Body Buddha' on Facebook for details.

Ruddington Parish Council also has a full list of classes in the Health & Fitness section of their website, which is currently being updated.

Kay Garrett

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