

THE RUDD

Long awaited footpath and cycleway open!

Ruddington's long campaigned for "safe" footway from Clifton Road via the Old Station Drive development directly into the Pasture Lane Estate is finally finished.



Land clearance along its route was undertaken late last year before construction began in earnest on 7th January. 10 weeks later, the main work has now been completed on schedule – with the footpath quietly opening to pedestrians without any ceremony on Saturday 16th March.

After other options were first considered, followed by years of sorting out fairly complex land ownership issues over the former Great Central Railway line, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) planners finally gave this new public right of way the thumbs up last September. The catalyst seems to have been a petition containing some 570 signatures in favour of the scheme to Crest Nicholson and NCC.

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This was started by villagers Jennifer Tinsley, Kay Garrett and Claire Harris, and facilitated by Ruddington Community Association and the Ruddington Neighbourhood Plan team. It was handed in by Ruddington's County Councillor Reg Adair on 12th July 2018. Just eight months later, that extra pressure has helped to produce the desired result!

Chairman of NCC's Communities & Place Committee, Councillor John Cottee told RUDDINGTON.info: "The path will open to the public – with landscaping works to the embankment and green areas next to the new footpath set to be carried out in the next couple of months.

"The new path, which is also for cycle use, will provide a safe and pleasant alternative for local people – in particular for children getting to and from local schools, parents with pushchairs as well as mobility scooter users who currently have to use the steep, narrow footway over the bridge on Clifton Road to get to local facilities."

The original campaign for this access was launched over seven ago by former Ruddington Parish Councillor Barbara Breakwell. It was after residents from the new housing complained to her of their "dangerous" daily walk because the safer parallel footway/cycleway route

which appeared on plans by the original property developer over a decade ago was never built – until now!

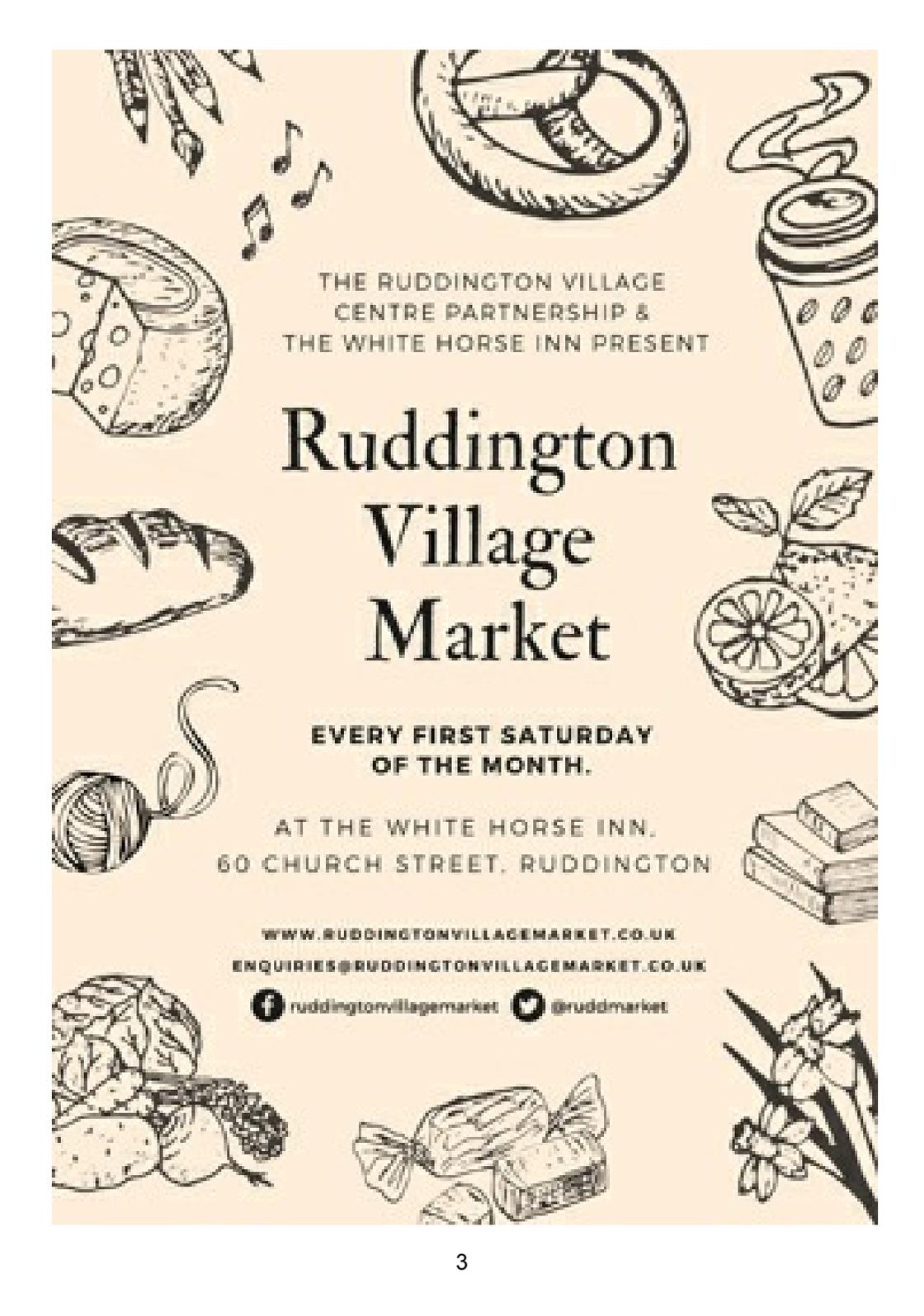
Barbara says: "I must admit, when I started this quest in October 2011, I did not expect it to take this long. But, as my Gran used to say, 'Patience is a virtue' and 'Everything comes to those who wait'. Obviously I am delighted that everyone who comes to the village from that area will now have a choice of routes – and this purpose-built route will enable our local pupils to safely walk, cycle or scoot to school."

Councillor Adair adds: "I'm absolutely delighted to see this path complete and open for public use because I've worked with local residents and supported the project from day one. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and co-operation throughout the works. The path creates a safer route to school for the children from nearby housing developments."

Low-energy, low-level lighting has been installed along the new path to try to keep the impact on neighbours and wildlife to a minimum.

The landscaping works which will be taking place in the coming months will involve removing brambles, planting new trees, shrubs and bulbs to improve the adjacent green areas, and installing litter bins.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info



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Honeycomb Spring / Summer launch

The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop at 3 Church Street will be hosting their popular Spring and Summer launch event on Wednesday 10th April between 1pm and 6pm.

Come along and find a great quality outfit, summer footwear or accessories to welcome in the spring season – or even a good book to read on holiday! Drinks and nibbles will be available and everyone is most welcome.

Elijah: A Night to Remember

Three of the premier amateur choirs of Nottinghamshire, plus the much acclaimed Djanogly Community Orchestra, will provide one of the undoubted highlights of Nottinghamshire's 2019 choral music year on Saturday 18th May at 7 pm. The Ruddington & District Choral Society will join with the Burton Joyce Choral Society and the Nottingham Hospitals' Choir to perform one of the world's greatest and most-loved choral works: Mendelssohn's mighty oratorio "Elijah" at St Mary's Church in the Lace Market

Sponsored by the Co-op Community Fund, this ever-popular oratorio, which depicts events in the life of the Old Testament prophet Elijah, contains some of the most glorious,

profound, moving and well known music in the entire choral repertoire. The Choir and Orchestra, under the musical direction of Paul Hayward, will be joined by organist Michael Overbury and soloists Jane Harwood, Simon Lumby and Ossian Huskington. The concert promises to be not only a sell out but a night to remember for both musicians and audience.

Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Windblowers on Derby Road or from choir members by calling 0115 921 1451, 07891 4943 77 or 0115 931 2803.

For further information, please visit www.ruddingtonchoral.com, www.bjchoralsociety.org.uk, www.nottinghamhospitalschoir.co.uk and www.djanoglycommunityorchestra.co.uk.

Patricia Beale

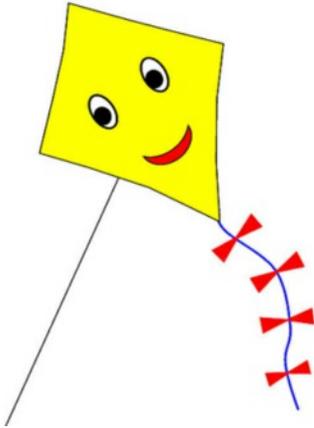
Could you be a school governor?

James Peacock Infant and Nursery School is looking to appoint a co-opted governor who has links within the local community of Ruddington to join the board at the school. If you think this may be of interest to you, and you'd like to contribute towards our success, please call 0115 914 4425 to make an appointment to discuss the role in detail.

Mr R Waldron, Head Teacher

“Let’s go fly a kite”

I have fond memories of the Kite Festivals which used to be held at Rushcliffe Country Park. It was an afternoon of fun – watching “professional” kite flyers and then trying to get mine to fly!



With the support of the Ruddington Parish Council Events Team, I’m now planning to bring the Kite Festival back. So please save the date – Sunday 1st September from 12 noon to 4pm – and keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

Barbara Breakwell

Spring Mindfulness course

Local mindfulness teacher Jakki Pritchard is set to run a free spring Mindfulness taster session followed by an eight week course in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum.

With spring upon us, we may feel overwhelmed by the sheer amount of “to-do’s”. Mindfulness can be life-changing by helping us not to feel overwhelmed by the never-ending “to-do” lists. To slow down when we’re stressed or anxious, be less hard on ourselves and to appreciate fully our own landscape, not just feel weighed down by the stress of all that needs to be done.

Mindfulness is proven to reduce stress by 40%, anxiety by 58% and depression or low mood by up to 50%. By changing how we relate to it, we can feel calmer and wake up to life, not just exist.

The free taster session will be held on Tuesday 16th April from 7pm to 8pm. The eight week course starts on Tuesday 7th May, from 7pm to 8:45pm. For bookings or more information visit www.exercise-mindfulness.co.uk.

Parking update

The February 2019 traffic patrol stats for the village were:

- 97 visits
- 112 observations
- 5 penalty charge notices

Crime figures for Ruddington

For February, these were as follow:

- 8 x criminal damage
- 15 x theft from a motor vehicle
- 2 x vehicles found insecure, nothing taken
- 3 x theft of vehicle
- 3 x burglary from a shed
- 1 x burglary from a dwelling
- 1 x theft from outside a dwelling
- 3 x theft from a shop
- 1 x drink driving

Whilst February saw some of the highest reported crime figures to date, the police have now arrested a male on suspicion of carrying out some of the thefts from vehicles. The individual has been remanded in custody.

A second offender who caused criminal damage to Gino's and The Old Bakehouse on Church Street has agreed to make amends through restorative justice – in other words, apologising and paying for the damage instead of being sentenced.

The police have also confirmed that they're responding to concerns raised around the use of off road (quad) bikes

in the village and are taking action where possible.

For crime prevention advice, please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice.

L22 and L23 bus routes saved

CT4N, which operates the L22 and L23 bus services on behalf of Nottingham City Council, has stepped in to save the two routes from being discontinued. As reported last month, the services were in danger of being stopped due to Council funding cuts.

However, CT4N, which is part of Nottingham Community Transport, has now offered to run them on a commercial basis. Fares will now apply – which the Council were going to introduce had they decided to keep the buses running – but people with concessionary passes will still qualify for free travel.

Renamed the 22 and 23, the buses will follow the same routes and timetables as before, enabling Ruddington residents to access several areas that aren't served by any other means of public transport. The changes will take effect from Monday 29th April. To find out more, please visit www.ct4n.co.uk.

Hareham Allotment improvements

Allotment holders at Hareham Gardens have been busy improving security and safety using a £1,000 grant from Nottinghamshire County Council. Collapsing stream banks have been cleared and reinforced and new padlocks bought. Further repairs to the footbridge are also planned. Thanks go to Councillor Reg Adair for arranging the grant.



If you'd like to have a plot at Hareham Gardens, please call Peter on 0115 921 1130.

Peter Johnson-Marshall, Secretary to the Hareham Gardens Allotments Trustees

Neighbourhood Plan update

The Ruddington Neighbourhood Plan is moving on quickly. A meeting has

taken place with our consultants, Urban Imprint, and a first draft of our policies is being prepared. This takes into account the results and comments from the last consultation.

In addition, we're working closely with Urban Imprint to prepare a Design Guide, a document to supplement the plan, which is intended to provide evidence in support of heritage, design and landscape policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. Part of this process will involve village "walkovers" with Urban Imprint when you can come along and have your say, so keep your eyes on noticeboards and social media for further details.

Residents will no doubt be aware that developers have been carrying out their own consultations about their proposals for the different sites in our village. We await the results of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Local Plan Part 2 Independent Examination to see what this brings.

In the meantime, you can keep up to date with our progress at www.ruddingtonnp.org.uk, or follow "ruddingtonnp" on Facebook and Twitter.

Jennifer Boniface

Ruddington Diary

Community events & activities

Monday 1st April

Ruddington Craft Group - Parchment Cards. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am - 12.00pm. Tuition, materials and refreshments are included in the £3.50 cost. You may like to bring your own basic equipment such as pencil, ruler, colouring pencils and scissors.

Tuesday 2nd April

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Honeycomb Charity Shop. 2.30pm, all are welcome to join us.

Saturday 6th April

Ruddington Village Market - 9:30am to 12:30pm at The White Horse. See page 3.

WI Spring Fair - at St Peter's Rooms from 10am to 2pm. Free admission. Stalls include cakes and preserves, plants, crafts, cards, books, puzzles and a raffle. Children's activities. Tea/coffee/soft drinks & biscuits, home-made soup and french bread.

Sunday 7th April

Café Church - 9.30am - 10.50am at St. Peter's Church, followed by Holy Communion for those wishing to stay. Come and join us for Café breakfast, alongside games, a short talk, discussion, with options for quiet reflection, prayer, drama, art, crafts, liturgical service and music. Something for everyone.

Ruddington Baptist Breakfast Church - 10.30am St Peter's Rooms. Meet and enjoy croissants and drinks before doing activities together. For more information visit www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk.

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Group - Prestwold to Burton on the Wolds. Meet on The Green at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 9th April

Rattle Rhyme & Roll - Ruddington Library, 11am - 11.30am. Free half hour fun session for babies & toddlers

Scrabble - Ruddington Library. 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 10th April

Spring & Summer Launch Event - at the Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop at 3 High Street, 1pm to 6pm. See main article.

W.I. Meeting- "Annual Meeting" - Choose the team to run your W.I., at St Peter's Rooms, commencing 7.15pm.

Thursday 11th April

"Behind the scenes at the museum" - 11am to 4pm at the Framework Knitters Museum. See main article.

Griswold Gang Easter Crafts - themed kids' craft activities in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum, 11am to 3pm. Free, but donations welcome. Refreshments available.

Saturday 13th April

Wildlife Watch Group (8 to 13 year olds) 'Park Homes for Rent'. at Rushcliffe Country Park. Design a creature comfort, furnish a 'des res' for a bug, view where an upwardly mobile pair of swans might choose to live. Suggested donation: £2/3 per session.

Monday 15th April

Ruddington Craft Group - Iris Folding Easter Cards. St Peter's Rooms 10.00am - 12.00pm. See 1st April.

Ruddington & District U3A Monthly Meeting **Friday 19th April**

- 2pm Ruddington Methodist Church. Guest Speaker Rosemary Gibson "Bess of Hardwick" plus time for notices, reports, discussion, questions and socialising.

Ruddington Business Partnership – FREE networking every 3rd Friday of the month, at The Ruddington Arms, 8am to 9am.

Sunday 21st April

Easter Day - Come and join Ruddington Baptist Church to celebrate. 10.30am at St Peter's Rooms.

Tuesday 23rd April

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - "Peonies" with Jo Bennison at The Hermitage. 7pm for 7.30pm

Sunday 28th April

'Bubbles' - 10.30am St Peter's Rooms. Group for the under 5s provided by Ruddington Baptist Church.

Ruddington Baptist Church at St Peter's Rooms. Every Sunday 10.30am. An opportunity to worship, pray and explore what God is saying to us together.

Spiritual Light Centre at Framework Knitters Chapel. Every Sunday 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Divine Service with a visiting Medium. Healing during service. Refreshments afterwards.

Councillor surgery **Saturday 13th April**

County & Borough 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. A Parish Councillor will usually also be present.

Tuesday 16th April

Ruddington Methodist Church Women's Fellowship - Rev. Mike Lees - Thoughts for Easter. 2.30pm, all are welcome to join us.

Mindfulness Taster Session - in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street, 7pm to 8pm. See article.

Thursday 18th April

Griswold Gang Easter Crafts - themed kids' craft activities in the Chapel at the Framework Knitters Museum, 11am to 3pm. See 11th April.

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 11.30am & 12.30pm. No appointment required.

Ruddington Rhythm - 8pm - 11pm at The Cottage Hotel, Easthorpe Street. All styles of music and song to tap your foot to or sing along with. Come and join our regular audience, you may win a raffle prize!

Parish Council meetings

Tuesday 2nd April

Environment & Policy Meeting - at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public, you can share your views on any agenda item.

Tuesday 23rd April

Annual Parish Meeting -at St Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public, you can share your views on any agenda item.

Extended hours for GP appointments

The news that Rushcliffe has the best ratio of GPs to patients in the country (RCGP, January 2019) is welcome, but there are still occasions when it's difficult to get an appointment just when you want one.

If this is the case, consider using the "Extended Hours" service, available for patients in Rushcliffe. This allows you to make an appointment through your usual GP practice for an evening or weekend consultation with a GP, nurse or healthcare assistant. These appointments are available 6.30pm-8.00pm on weekdays and 8.30am-12.30pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. At weekends, there are appointments reserved for emergencies. You'll be asked to attend one of the three host practices: Castle Healthcare in West Bridgford, East Bridgford or Keyworth. The location will depend on the day of your appointment.

The Extended Hours appointments are best suited for things that don't need an ongoing review at your usual practice. Management of long term conditions are better taken care of by your usual practice. Repeat prescriptions and sick notes are not available via this service. Appointments can also be made with a nurse for dressings, smear tests and

NHS health checks, whilst healthcare assistants offer blood pressure checks, ECGs and phlebotomy services.

The popularity of the Extended Hours service means there are now two additional ways of booking appointments. If appropriate, the 111 non-emergency medical advice telephone service can book an appointment for you once you've been triaged to Nottingham Emergency Medical Service (NEMS). Or, you can book Sunday or Bank Holiday appointments on Saturday mornings at Evans Pharmacy in Ruddington.

Gavin Walker, Patient Participation Group

Ruddington Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 20th July 2019. The event will take place on The Green between 12 noon and 6pm.

If you'd like a stall at the Summer Fayre, the cost will be £20 for a table and £50 for traders. Stalls are free for charities and there's a 10% Early Bird Discount for anyone who books before Monday 20th May.

If you've had a stall at the event before, we'll send a booking form shortly. Newcomers can request a form by emailing office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

One in, one out for licensed premises?

Last month, the popular café and cocktail bar Apotheka closed its doors for good, much to the disappointment of its many fans in Ruddington. It's yet to be revealed what will happen to its former premises at 6 Wilford Road, but we do know that the other business that traded there, McCartneys Catering, will be moving to a new home.

Meanwhile, there's brighter news for Ruddington drinkers as a brand new off licence called The Bottle Top could soon be opening at 2 High Street, formerly Glyn Thomas' greengrocers which closed unexpectedly in 2018.



Owned by Anthony Preston, The Bottle Top plans to sell craft beer, cider and premium spirits. In addition – and partly in homage to the building's former tenants – Anthony is also planning to sell a range of artisan foods

including fruit and vegetables, baked goods, honey, preserves and coffee.

Assuming a licence is granted, the shop at 2 High Street will open in early April. In the meantime, The Bottle Top's wares were on sale at the second Ruddington Village Market on Saturday 2nd March, so some village residents have already had a sneak peak!

For the latest news, follow 'The Bottle Top' on Facebook.

With thanks to Graham Wright and RUDDINGTON.info.

Last chance to comment on Asher Lane appeal

Space Foods Ltd, whose planning application to build 175 houses on Asher Lane has been approved, have appealed against the decision to refuse access to the development via Musters Road. The deadline for commenting on this latest appeal is Wednesday 3rd April.

The case number is APP/P3040/W/19/3221123 and you can email your comments to East1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or submit them online at the Planning Inspectorate website.

Previous representations and objections will be carried forward, so please only respond if you have any new comments to make.

Application for another 180 houses submitted

Following its public consultation in January, William Davis Homes has now applied for outline planning permission to build 180 houses on “Land East Of Loughborough Road” in Ruddington.

This site, off the Mere Way Roundabout, is one of the Green Belt development areas earmarked in Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC)’s Local Plan Part 2 which was formerly known as RUD13. RBC’s plan suggests 170 new homes to fulfil its quota on this land, which is slightly less than these proposals are suggesting. Some may also think the William Davis application is a little premature since the Government’s Planning Inspectorate is still deciding on the “soundness” of the Plan following its public hearings in December. This may be why no deadline for submitting comments has yet been stated. It’s one of four sites which could imminently be removed from Ruddington’s Green Belt – to build an eye-watering total of 525 homes on large swathes of agricultural land surrounding our village.

The latest Concept Plan shows very little change since the original document on which the public were consulted. It suggests how its houses

might be arranged around the odd shaped plot – which borders Balmore Country House residential care home on three sides. It still shows no provision for a previously mooted future access through to Flawforth Lane, although it does promise a “potential pedestrian link” to the “adjacent potential development” as well as another footpath out to the A60.



The plans drawn up by Pegasus Group on behalf of William Davis suggest affordable homes within the proposed mix of housing include flats, older persons’ housing and family homes. Also included are areas of public open space, landscaping and children’s play areas, and “...strengthening of existing hedgerows to protect the character of Ruddington’s Conservation Area and provide a strong landscape structure within the site.”

The property developer states: “William Davis considers that this site offers the opportunity to help deliver future housing requirements in a sustainable way in line with the aspirations of Rushcliffe Borough Council.”

All the documents associated with this outline application (numbered 19/00535/OUT) – and your opportunity to comment on these plans – can be found in the Planning and Building section at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk.

Graham Wright via RUDDINGTON.info

Traffic in the village

Any discussion on improving Ruddington soon leads to the topic of parking. The conversations also include use of the village by HGVs and cyclists.

How easy is getting around the village, especially with buggies, mobility aids and wheelchairs? Do we need more pedestrian crossings, a one-way system, permits or a pay and display? How do we make sure there are safe and clear routes to all parts of the village for getting to the centre, schools and green spaces?

Are there any short-term answers as well as solutions that will take a few years to implement? And how do we encourage people to spend more time in the village, meeting others and shopping locally?

If you have the time, energy and willingness to explore a range of options, the Parish Council is looking for volunteers to join a small Working Group to develop the detail of how we can make moving around the village work better for us all.

If you're interested, please contact the Parish Council Office with a brief comment on what you care about and what you can contribute to our work.

Renew 24

A quiet shared space where it's ok not to be ok

Welcome to Renew 24 - a Wellbeing group at The Black Cat Cafe.

Every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30pm, The Black Cat Café on the High Street becomes a community space for a variety of hobbies and activities. These are run by the community for the community.

Anyone is welcome to share a hobby or skill and anyone is welcome to join an activity. Alternatively, you can come and relax, chat or just enjoy some peace and quiet.

Renew 24 is hosted by Ruddington Baptist Church. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Sam Hackett on 07403 519 704, email at sam.hackett@ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk or visit <http://www.ruddingtonbaptist.org.uk/whats-on/renew-ruddington/>.

Meet the...Curry House

Dhaka Deli, High Street

It's hard to believe that, in the UK, two pubs close every day yet the village people of Ruddington manage to prop up seven. And when we merrily spill from the pubs with our jovial munchies, we're spoilt for choice in that department, too! It was a stroke of genius when Mahbubur Ramen (Mabs) from opened Dhaka Deli's doors right next to The Frame Breakers pub. After all, who doesn't love a good curry after a few pints?



Dhaka Deli shines a bright hue of lilac over our High Street (it's decorated purple) and over the weekend it's completely bustling from beginning to end with happy, purple-lit diners. Their "bring your own booze policy" is an additional draw to our lively locals. Mid-week is worth a visit too, as during my last visit they catered for four of us and we were all amazed by the fresh

food and excellent service. Dhaka Deli offers the good old dishes you'd expect from any curry-house, but they also go the extra mile. They serve up the kind of food you'd find in fine dining restaurants, but the price and quantity are spot-on. The menu is a fusion of south Indian food, mixing Bangladeshi curries with Indian recipes. They cater for vegans, too! We spoke to Mabs to find out more about him and his popular restaurant.

Q. Why did you open in Ruddington?

A. When the opportunity came up, we had to take it. Our family run another restaurant in Ruddington and we knew there was a healthy appetite in Rudd for good food. I have been in the industry for 18 years and we were ready.

Q. What are your most popular dishes and what are your signature dishes?

A. Ruddingtonians love our Garlic Chicken Masala and Tandoori Chicken Sagg. However, for the more adventurous, our signature dishes like the Tribujji, Chili Chicken or the Murg Lamb Sizzler are big hits.

Q. What is your hottest dish?

A. Vindaloo, but we can make any dish as hot as you like.

Q. How many spices do you use?

A. Something like 40!

Q. People love that they can bring their own drinks to the restaurant; what's the strangest beverage you've seen?

A. Four women brought in 16 bottles of wine...

Q. How many people can you cater for?

A. We seat 35 and have taken party bookings for this quantity; our party bookings work out as better value for money.

Q. What do you like to do in Rudd when you're not working?

A. We have great cafés for breakfast and we love-love our neighbours at The Frame Breakers pub.

Thanks Mabs! We're all hungry now. (Don't forget: Dhaka Deli do takeaways too!)

Sarah Godfrey

Parish Council meetings and Councillor surgeries

4 ways to find out

If you're not sure when the various Parish Council meetings or Councillor Surgeries take place, here are 4 easy ways to find out.

1. Look in the Diary pages of The Rudd. We're now splitting out Parish Council meetings and Councillor Surgeries into separate sections in the Diary, to make them easier to spot.

2. Visit the Parish Council website and click on 'Diary' in the main menu bar. All the meetings and surgeries are listed here in date order.

3. Look on the notice boards inside and outside St Peter's Rooms and outside the Village Hall. Details of all meetings and surgeries are posted in advance.

4. Call into the Parish Council office and ask for a list of meetings. Surgery dates aren't included in the list, but you can ask about these when you visit the office.

Occasionally, Parish Council meetings and surgeries need to be cancelled at short notice. If you're planning to attend, please check to make sure the event is going ahead.

Loyalty Card April offers

April will see a new wave of offers from the dozens of village businesses that have signed up to the Ruddy Good Loyalty Card. You can check out the latest offers at RUDDINGTON.info – or just by scanning the QR code on the back of your card.

The scheme is going really well so far, but we need your continued support to keep our precious local businesses open. So next time you decide to buy something, think "Shop Local!"

(And don't forget to take your card to the next Ruddington Village Market on Saturday 6th April.)

Behind the scenes at the museum

Come along to the Framework Knitters Museum on Thursday 11th April between 11am and 4:30pm for a “Behind the Scenes” experience and have a go at some traditional spring tasks as we get ready for another exciting year. We’ll be planting a traditional cottage garden with vegetables and flowers for eating and dyeing. Families can get creative and use our antique machines to create a knitted scarecrow together or a bug hotel to take home. There’ll be spring cleaning in the cottages and the chance to explore the collection and choose an object for display. You can even try your hand at knitting on our antique knitting frames!

It’s an exciting time at the museum as we prepare for a major Heritage Lottery Funded project. There are many opportunities to get involved and help make this already special place even better. Come along to see what a difference you can make. When it comes to volunteering with us, flexibility is the name of the game. We’re not asking you to commit to regular hours or days, every week or month. It’s completely up to you when and how you help us!

From helping with our annual clean-up and conservation works to cataloguing the books and videos in our library, to creating striking social media posts and blogs...there’s so much more to volunteering than you might think! We’re especially interested in hearing from people who’d like to get involved in our educational and outreach activities with local schools and vulnerable groups. But whatever your interests and abilities, we’re sure to have an opportunity to suit.

Best of all, you’ll have the chance to make new friends, spend time at our wonderful museum site and learn new skills. (How would you like to learn how to use and maintain a historic knitting frame or circular knitting machine?) Yes, we’ll ask for your time and effort – when you’re free to give it – but you’ll get so much back in return, including help and support from our team if you need it. To find out more, just come along on 11th April, call the museum on 0115 984 6914 or email jim.grevatte@frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk.

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