

RUDDINGTON DIARY

Sunday 1st July

Tea, Coffee & Cakes in the Education Room (by the lake) at Rushcliffe Country Park.

Miniature Traction Engine Rally at GCRN Ruddington. A host of miniature traction and steam engines, most of which will be in-steam and operating.

Footpaths Walk – Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group's organised walk. Sutton Bonington – Zouch along River Soar. Meet on the Green at 2.30pm. (Lifts available)

Tuesday 3rd July

Parish Council Meeting meeting at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.30pm

Wednesday 4th July

Ruddington & District Probus Club presents "Icebergs & Penguins" by Dr. Jan Jones at Ruddington Grange Golf Club.

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July

Power of Industry Event – A new event featuring steam locomotives from our own "industrial" steam loco collection, as well as a guest locomotive. At GCRN Ruddington.

Wednesday 11th July

"Sewing is not just for ladies" by Cliff Housley, presented by Ruddington WI at St. Peter's Rooms 7.15pm. New members welcome.

Thursday 12th July

"Travels of a Minister's Wife" – a talk by Gillian Clarke presented by Ruddington & District Ladies' Probus Club at St. Peter's Rooms 2pm. New members welcome

Friday 13th July

"German Tanks at Villers-Brettonneux" – a talk by Chris John presented by the Western Front Association at St. Peter's Rooms from 7.30pm. Visitors welcome with a donation of £3.50 which includes tea and biscuits.

Saturday 14th July

Parish Council Surgery - Your opportunity to meet with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors to discuss local issues. 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street. County Councillor Reg Adair will be in attendance for this surgery.

RUDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2012 – see page 2 and look out for posters for more info.

Windmill Folk Concert – An evening of memorable musical entertainment at the Methodist Church. £6 (incl refreshments) 0115 984 5375 or contact the Framework Knitters' Museum on 0115 984 6914.

Tuesday 17th July

Amenities Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms, Church Street commencing 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th July

Ruddington & District Probus Club – Nottm. Council House Tour Lunch, Golf Club. Guests welcome. Call Mike 0115 975 7521.

Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd July inclusive
FRAME WORKS – a photographic media exhibition at the Framework Knitters' Museum. Free admission to the exhibition – normal admission charges apply to the museum.

Friday 27th July

RUDDINGTON FUN PRESENTS "All things minibests" from 10am to 12 noon at Elms Park. Free crafts and activities for all ages including a baby and toddler area.

Tuesday 31st July

RUDDINGTON FUN PRESENTS "Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside". Free fun and activities with a seaside theme including Punch and Judy! All ages welcome and catered for by Ruddington Fun.

Environment & Community Committee Meeting at St. Peter's Rooms comm 7.30pm

Ruddington Parish Council VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

DOES RUDDINGTON HAVE A PARKING PROBLEM?



For decades the high volume of traffic using Ruddington's narrow streets as a thoroughfare has been an issue for locals. In more recent times some have also perceived a new problem - that many commuters now park up their cars in our village centre for free, all day long, whilst they catch a bus to work in the city. If true, has this resulted in people visiting our village during the day being unable to park here - and going elsewhere for their shopping, business or leisure needs

instead – robbing Ruddington of vital trade?

Thirty minute parking restrictions are already in force on High Street and part of Charles Street but not on other village centre roads nor the car park. So how best to resolve the issue? It seemed to be businesses on Church Street that were complaining about being the worst affected. So, during June, I conducted a short survey of fifteen shopkeepers there to gauge their opinions.

These are my findings:- 73% said they believe there is a problem with drivers from outside the village using Ruddington as an unofficial 'park and ride' – giving me anecdotal evidence of the same person taking up the parking space outside their premises each day to catch the bus. (One woman admitted to living in the village but bringing her car into the centre to be nearer the bus stop!) However less than half of respondents thought that the situation had been made any worse by the new city Workplace Parking Levy.

When the same traders were asked if they thought that either a two or three hour waiting limit should be imposed on all village centre roads and the Church Street Car Park* on weekdays from 8am to 6pm only 33% thought this was a good idea. But this rose to 80% if some kind of all-day parking permit for village centre residents and business owners could be introduced as well. An overwhelming 93% were against

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LOCAL CONVENIENCES – Ruddington Parish Council advises that the toilet facilities at St. Peter's Rooms are available to use during Parish Council Office opening hours.

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Pass it on

Don't miss the

Ruddington Festival

Saturday 14th July

Join the fun to celebrate **our** village

12 noon – Wear **RED, WHITE OR BLUE** and join the parade from Sellors Playing Fields along the High Street to Elms Park

1pm till 5pm – On Elms Park there will be stalls, games, entertainment, demonstrations, refreshments and fun things to do for all ages. You can see demonstrations and performances by choirs, local dance schools including Zumba, Maypole dancing and Tai Chi. Lots of things to make, tombolas, quizzes, loads to buy and lots of giveaways.

Please note: Parking is very limited so please walk there if possible, or bring your bike and get it post coded for FREE!

Evening -

5pm BBQ and Local Beers Festival at the White Horse. Children welcome until 8pm

7.30pm “Windmill Folk” Concert at the Methodist Church

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hand at bread-making or blending a smoothie on the special blender bike.

Sporty types of all ages will have a field day in the Games4Life section, where you can have a go at a range of sports including rugby, hockey, golf, kite-flying, cricket and athletics. There'll also be a series of fun dance workshops running throughout the afternoon.

Doctors and other healthcare professionals will be on hand to offer advice and support on all areas of general health and wellbeing, from help with giving up smoking to tips on getting fit and eating a healthy diet.

Rush4Health will be open from 12pm to 5pm. For more information visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/rush4health.

(By Faye Stenson)

POLICING

Our Beat Manager Ann Gill says:

“Now summer is approaching and your garden shed is in regular use, please ensure that it is securely locked and that all your tools are locked in there.

It is also a good idea to make sure that valuable items like lawnmowers, hedge trimmers, bicycles, etc. have additional security – for example a bike lock and/or security marking. West Bridgford is having a spate of shed breaks which the police are tackling with extra patrols and giving advice, but simple security measures could help to make sure it doesn't spread to Ruddington.”

Police contact numbers are:

Dial 101 for non emergencies

Our Beat Manager is PC Ann Gill –
Tel: 07702 141 724

Our PCSO is Jenny Buggy –
Tel: 07702 141 722

IN AN EMERGENCY RING 999

DOUBLE CELEBRATION AT SOUTH WOLDS ACADEMY

After months of preparation from the school and governors, we became an Academy on the 1st of June. We held a double celebration on the day – celebrating both the school's conversion to Academy status, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Staff and students at the school dressed in red, white and blue, paying a “fine” for the privilege to raise money for Help for Heroes.



The governors and I are tremendously excited by the increased freedoms and funding that conversion to an Academy will bring. In 2011 we received our best ever Ofsted report and the students achieved the best set of results ever recorded at the school. We will use the additional funding to continue improving teaching, learning resources and the physical environment of the school. We will now be known as the South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form. (Andrew George, Headteacher) Note: South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form has a number of students from Ruddington.

GARDEN COMPETITION 2012

The closing date for entries has been extended to Monday 16th July so that you can complete and/or hand in your form at the Ruddington Festival.

HISTORY CORNER -

From paper boy to scout leader

The appearance of our recent article on Ruddington's 'ghost train' in the Nottingham Post has prompted a former resident to contact us about his early life in the village in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Gordon Sanders, a key contributor to the Village Museum's 2007 publication 'Boys Schooldays in Ruddington Remembered', first talks about his time as a paperboy during the Second World War.

'When war broke out, my family lived on the then new estate off Loughborough Road. During the war I was a paperboy, delivering the morning newspapers around the entire estate. I had to collect the papers from the shop at the corner of Ashworth Avenue and Rufford Road, where they were left outside for me to sort ready to deliver. However, on Sundays, I had to go early to the station to pick up the papers from the mail train. My payment for this was 2/6 (two shillings and sixpence) – equivalent to just 80p in today's money!' During this time – a period he describes as his 'most enjoyable time' in the village – Gordon was also an enthusiastic member of the 1st Ruddington Scouts which - was recently reformed. The cub and scout groups were restarted after an influx of refugee children arrived in the village from London at the outbreak of war. Gordon was involved from the start. He stayed with the Ruddington Scouts until he moved to London aged 16. Along with his friend Tony, Gordon was one of the first ever scouts to receive the King's Scout Award – the highest youth award achievable in the scouting movement. Gordon returned to Ruddington and his parents' house on Ashworth

Avenue after the war and a stint in National Service. He led the Ruddington Scouts for a time until he left the village again in 1954 to get married and work in Stafford. After 42 years, Gordon once again returned to the Nottingham area, where he still takes a keen interest in goings-on in and around Ruddington.

He says: 'It's great to be enjoying my latter years back in my old community. But I was saddened to hear that the Ruddington Scouts may have to end as they don't have a volunteer leader at the moment. Hopefully someone will come forward soon and experience the same benefits I enjoyed as Scout Leader all those years ago.' (by Faye Stenson)

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Parish Council would like to know if there are any residents who would be interested in training for the Community Speed Watch Scheme for the village. Volunteers will be trained by local officers on how to use a speed gun and will be required to wear Hi-viz jackets (provided).

If you would like to be considered or want more information, please contact the Parish Council Office with your details.

FUN & FITNESS IN THE PARK

Rush4Health returns to Rushcliffe Country Park on Sunday 8 July for a fun and informative day of sports and health related activities. The popular festival, which is free to attend, ties in with the government's nationwide initiative to 'eat well, move more and live longer'. There's fun for all the family with cookery demonstrations in the food tent from home economist Teresa Bovey and bread expert Linda Hewitt. You can also try your own

any kind of parking charges in Ruddington to address the problem.

Jeweller David Richards suggested "a separate car park for traders only - so that we're not taking up public parking spaces". Keith Alton, owner of Grange News and Grange Bakery, agreed that there is a parking shortage and suggests turning part of Ruddington's "under-used" village green into an extra car park. Village resident Joy Clayton, who lives on The Green, complained that the roads around her house are "horrendous!" - clogged by parked cars on both sides. She says many of these are left there all day by people catching the bus into the city – with their vehicles often blocking her exit as well as the passage of the buses themselves. Another solution suggested to me was a dedicated 'Park and Ride' site at the Business Park for city commuters. However David Birch from Optillion was surprised by all the fuss! "All our clients seem to be able to park here okay" he says. "We don't believe there is really a parking problem in Ruddington".

(Researched and written by Graham Wright)

*Church Street Car Park is a Parish Council facility and does not come under NCC Highways responsibility. NCC Highways has already expressed an interest in Graham's survey.

VILLAGE SURVEY

Due to the excellent response to the Village Survey, we have extended the deadline for replies until Monday 9th July. Bring it to the Parish Council Office or drop it in to one of the addresses given on the form. Or you can fill the survey in online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/PW53FT6

KNITTERS FOR NGORA



A big thank you is due to the ladies from Ruddington (and Scotland!) who have been busy providing wool and knitting 31 matinee coats, 61 bonnets, 20 pairs of mittens and 19 pairs of booties for the Maternity Unit in Ngora Hospital, Teso, Uganda. Most of the items will be used in the care of newborn and premature babies. There are no incubators in the hospital and even in Africa these infants need to be kept warm. They will be taken out and distributed by a team of medics including midwife Carol McCormick and specialist nurse Liz Houghton, who first visited Ngora in 2010 with the Dixons and the Thirds from St. Peter's Church. The team, part of the Ngora Hospital Group Nottingham, will be flying out on 1st July. We wish them a safe journey and a successful visit. (by Honor Dixon)

BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

Ruddington resident Glenys Boon is holding a Blooming Great Tea Party on 25 July, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Friends from Ruddington and Keyworth will join

Glenys in hosting the event at KEYVI Health Club on Bunny Lane in Keyworth from 2pm to 4pm. The entry fee is £5, which includes tea, cakes and a prize draw entry ticket. There'll also be a variety of stalls selling a wide range of goods. Glenys's tea party is just one of many similar events taking place across the country this summer as part of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Blooming Great Tea Party campaign. All funds raised will help the charity keep providing free care to terminally ill patients in their own homes or one of the Marie Curie hospices.

Says Glenys: *'We'd like to invite everyone to our Blooming Great Tea Party to help raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. It's going to be a fantastic event and a great way to get together with friends old and new. The more money we raise, the more free care Marie Curie Nurses can provide.'* For more information about the tea party, or if you'd like to have a stall at the event, please contact Glenys on 0115 974 7521. Or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty to find out more about the Blooming Great Tea Party campaign and how you can get involved. *(by Faye Stenson)*

LAND OFF PASTURE LANE - POTENTIAL HOUSING PROPOSALS

On Friday 15th June, Bellway held a public exhibition to display ideas for the potential future residential development of land off Pasture Lane. Despite horrendous weather, dozens of people came to St. Peter's Rooms for more information and were invited to complete comment forms for Bellway to take back with them. One of the issues raised by a number of those present was the feeling of isolation from the rest of the village

mainly due to the lack of decent pavement from Pasture Lane to Churchill Drive especially for families with young children going to James Peacock School. One of the ideas floated to the representatives, was the possibility of having a flat access across the former railway line to connect with the bottom of Vicarage Lane. Such a pedestrian area would be very safe for all residents and would give a much better route to James Peacock School and also the village.

The proposal indicated some form of nature-style reserve area but a number of individuals felt that it would be a pity to destroy what is already present.

As can be imaged, the issue of traffic along Pasture Lane in particular and also access out of Clifton Lane to Wilford Road was raised, together with the view that the additional road vehicles would simply make the central area of Ruddington more difficult than at present.

Currently, so far as we are aware, the Secretary of State has not yet approved the strategic plan for Rushcliffe. It should be noted however, that Ruddington is under considerable pressure to accommodate additional housing and although the total number of houses is not yet confirmed, it is likely to be around 250.

Bellway tell us that they are continuing to consult during the summer and the Parish Council has copies of their ideas which you can see at the Office or by downloading them from the Parish Council website under PLANNING. You can write to Bellway Homes (East Midlands) Ltd., 3 Romulus Court, Meridian East, Meridian Business Park, Braunstone

Town, Leicester LE19 1YG with your comments but remember to give details of the site you are commenting on. *(By Parish Councillor WA Wood)*

THAT'S ALL FROM HALL'S

It is with great sadness that we report the closure of one of Ruddington's oldest family businesses – and our last remaining village car dealership. Hall's of Ruddington can trace its history back to 1924 and has been selling vehicles from 38, Easthorpe Street since moving here in the mid-nineties. At that time the company held one of Nottinghamshire's Skoda franchises – but most recently it had been the main local dealer for Japanese manufacturers Daihatsu and Isuzu. However, during May, the company went into liquidation and has now ceased trading – something that became apparent to customers and village residents last month when all the cars suddenly disappeared and the barriers came down.



Site owner Brian Dickman says it's very sad when a business fails *"but the strength of the Pound against the Yen won't have helped them in this tough economic climate."* Brian is now waiting to see if anyone will buy the business from the liquidators or, failing this, if another company is interested in moving onto the vacant premises.

Meantime **Shine Salon**, whose building adjoins the forecourt of Hall's, has asked us to point out that its business is unaffected by the closure, and that they are continuing to trade as usual. *(by Graham Wright)*



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Recently James Peacock School, as part of their work on the Olympics, welcomed a potential future Paralympic participant to their school. 15 year old Sam Oldknow from Gamston competes in Boccia (pronounced bot-cha) which is a sport for individuals with disabilities that have a major impact on their motor skills. It is a target ball sport belonging to the same family as petanque and bowls. Great Britain is the defending Paralympic Champions in the Team Event. Sam showed the children his amazing skill and then invited them to "have a go" by throwing the ball whilst sitting and not letting their bottoms leave the bench! Sam also proudly showed the children his medal that he had won at the recent National Boccia Championships and told them to keep an eye out for him in the next Olympics in 2016!

Everyone had a great time and the school would like to thank Sam and his mum Jemma for taking the time out to visit. *(By Barbara Breakwell)*