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The April **BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 13 th**. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £40. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The April **WHIST DRIVE** is on **April 27th**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The **April Health Walks.** These will be on **Weds 6th** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and one on **Weds 20th** from Ruishton Village Hall car park. Walks are up to 1.5 hours in duration. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads. **NB There will an extra short walk (about 25 minutes) on Wednesday, April 27th starting from Ruishton Village Hall car park** For more information please ring Pat Pike on 442609 or Andy Smith on 444815 .

JUMBLE SALE and AUCTION Coming up on Saturday May 7th at 12 noon. Let us have your unwanted goods, Liz can store a limited amount tel: 443369 or leave small quantities on her door step, address at bottom of page. Money raised helps us to keep the Village Hall maintained.

Tap Dancing in the Village Hall on Mondays 8pm to 9pm. Adult beginners. Learn the basics of Tap Dancing whilst having fun and exercising. Phone Julie on 07977272681 or just turn up!

Ruishton Carpet Bowls Club We meet at Ruishton Village Hall, Friday afternoon's 2pm - 4pm, & Tuesday evening's 7pm - 9pm **(However due to the enormous response for new membership this year, which has grown to over fifty members, we are now unable to take any more on our Friday afternoon session, as we are now at full capacity on all 3 mats, for the time being.)**
New Members are invited to join our Tuesday evening sessions at 7pm - 9pm, when we have extra capacity, and you will be made very welcome.
For further information phone Mavis Skeggs 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 442876 (Chairman)

Ruishton Produce Market. We would like to thank all the stall holders, our helpers and everyone who attended and supported our new venture. We had a great morning with a couple of stalls even running out of produce!!Don't forget our next market is on **Saturday 26th March** and the following one will be on **Saturday 30th April. At 10am.** Please put the dates in your diary.

CHIP CART will now visit Dinhams Car Park on Mondays (instead of Thursdays). No chip cart week beginning 28th March. Mondays only from April 4th.

LIBRARY VAN As from Wednesday 27th April the library van times will change. They are at Dinhams Farm Corner from 9.35 to 9.45 on Wenesdays every 4 weeks.

For all bookings and enquiries regarding the Village Hall, please contact Chris on 07958574905

ALL ITEMS FOR THE MAY 2016 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Friday 15th April 2016, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on **Monday 11th April at 2.30pm** at Norma's house. Sally McEwen 442733.

RATS (Ruishton Artists in TexStyles) We are a group of craft enthusiasts who work with fabric and thread. We are now meeting on the 3rd Mon of each month 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. in the VH committee room. For more information about our regular meetings ring Rosemary (442039).

TAUNTON & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CLUB We are a club offering a wide range of social activities for the over 50s, so why not come along and try us out at our next meeting from 2-4 on **Thursday 21st April**. For more information contact Sally (442733).

RUISHTON BOOK CLUB We were gripped reading Moriarty by Antony Horowitz and none of us could foresee the ending, so it was a good choice of detective novel for our discussion. Next month we have chosen to read 'The Colour' by Rose Remain which is set in New Zealand. Please phone Viv Streeter (01823 443103) if you would like a copy of the book and to join us on **13 April at 10.30**.

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle meet in the committee room at the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday . For further information please contact Peter on 251110 or Jean on 256265.

Ruishton Coffee Stop meets every Tuesdays between 9.45 and 11.15 in the Church meeting room, come along and join us for 10 minutes or 90 minutes all are welcome. Phone Liz 443369 if you want more details. Activities for children during Easter holidays.

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RUISHTON GUIDING
If you wish to put your daughter's name on any of the waiting lists please contact: Guides Cath Ellis (442398), Brownies Cathy Jones (443160), Rainbows Cath Ellis (442398)

Taunton Mobile Library calls at Dinhams Farm Corner once every 4 weeks next visit 30th March 9.15 to 9.25 and **Wednesday April 27th** from **9.35 to 9.45**. (new time.)



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In stitches @ St Georges will meet next on Friday April 8th from 10 – 12 noon in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. Anyone interested in Knitting or crotchet will be very welcome. This month Joy will be showing learners how to knit rib and moss stitch.
We would like to hear from any under 16's who enjoy knitting or crotchet and would like to be involved in this years project. Muriel Coles 443019

<u>Easter Services at Ruishton and the other local churches</u>.

Maundy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm Holy Communion at Ruishton Church
Good Friday 25th March 11am Creech Baptist Church, 2pm Last hour service Thornfalcon
Easter Sunday 27th March 9.30 at Ruishton Church and 8.15 at Thornfalcon

For the children at Creech Village Hall on Friday 25th March Messy Church from 10.30am to 12.30 (all children must be accompanied by an adult.
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

At the last Council meeting held on 2nd March 2016. John Williams gave a talk on the role and wider duties of the Borough Council. Also the role and duties of Borough Councillors which is mainly to represent their Ward's interest and help constituents with their enquiries. John Williams answered questions from the Cllrs.

For some time, the Council has been very concerned in the lack of security at the Park and Ride site. Then in February the site suffered another unauthorised encampment by travellers. County Councillor Ross Henley has asked the following questions at the Somerset County Council Full Council meeting:
1 How much has been spent in legal costs to date on the various invasions
2 What security measures will the council to take to make this more difficult to invade the site in future
3 What are the usage and income figures on days the site has been invaded
County Councillor Ross Henley will report back to the Council when he has received the answers

FLOODING

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had a meeting with representatives from Wessex Water, Somerset County Council, Environmental Agency and Taunton Deane Borough Council in regard to preventing flooding in the parish. Topics discussed were problems in Goosey Lane, floodgates at Dinhams Bungalows, the Ring Bank and the village pump opposite the Village Hall.
In regard to the village pump SCC will replace the village pump and it has been established that it is TDBC's role to maintain the pump. SCC will fit a new "intelligent" pump but cannot at present as it needs to be fitted to an electrical 3 phase system which TDBC need to put in place. However, this must be done before the end of March or the £20,000 from SCC's budget will be withdrawn. John Williams was asked if he could ensure that this work is carried out without delay.
A full report can be seen in March 2016 minutes on the web site. The Council has invited the above agencies at the Annual Parish Meeting to give the parishes an update and to answer resident's questions

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Steering Committee had a meeting with Jane Birch of Community Council for Somerset. The first steps are to obtain quotes for surveys and send letter to village organisations to ask them to nominate a representative to serve on the Steering Group. CCS will help to source the funding for the NP. At the last meeting the Council formally resolved to register our intention to Taunton Deane Borough Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.
However, there is still a requirement for further resident volunteers. The Council would like to ask if you would be willing to be a member of a Steering Committee – we do need a number of residents to put themselves forward to share the workload. For more information about Neighbourhood Planning for Ruishton & Thornfalcon, please look on the website at the address below. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk on the email address/ phone no. below. An update of the Neighbourhood Plan will be a standard item on future Council agendas.

ELECTORAL REVIEW

Cllrs Lowe, Marshall and Bulgin attended a meeting at TDBC on a briefing in regard to Electoral Reviews of the boundaries of District Council Wards within the local authority and if they need to be altered.
The reviews aim is to ensure fairer representation at local government elections and to deliver a pattern of wards where each councillor represents approximately the same number of electors. Creech St Michael and Ruishton has 12% more electors per District Council than average. There are two key dates:
Public Consultation on new ward boundaries – 28.6.16 to 5.9.16
Draft recommendations from public consultation – 8.11.16 to 9.1.17

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 21st April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The purpose of the Assembly is to enable the registered electors to discuss parish affairs. The meeting is also an opportunity for the Parish Council to report on the activities over the last year. An elector may ask questions, comments on parish issues and propose and vote on resolutions. This year there will be further topics on flooding and future short, medium and long term objectives to ensure the Parish Council is proactive. Any ideas or wishes from the residents will be welcomed.

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016

6.4.15 4.5.16 1.6.16 6.7.16 3.8.16 7.9.16 5.10.16 2.11.16 7.12.16
Council Meetings commence at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) and are held in Ruishton Village Hall. There is an opportunity at 7.30pm for the public to make comments or ask questions. A full set of minutes can be seen our website at www.ruishton.org.uk.com.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Heather Bryant, Northay House, Northay, Chard. TA20 3DN. Tel: 01460 234770. Email: ruishtonpc@gmail.com

From: Audrey Mansfield (Village Agent)

Millions of older people are facing the ups and downs of life almost entirely alone. They have no one to turn to for the support that can make all the difference when times are tough.

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Age UK try to combat loneliness in later life in a number of ways, including befriending. If you think you could spare the time to become a volunteer and visit a lonely older person in their home please contact me. There are currently 137 older people on the waiting list of Age UK Somerset alone and all of these people would be so very grateful for any contact however little.

A shout out for Round Window Day Centre held at Curry Mallet Village Hall! This day centre run by volunteers, runs from 10.30am to 2.30pm on alternative Wednesdays. It offers a hot lunch and companionship for older people, transport is provided and there are activities including music, poetry readings and outings. The volunteers are keen to recruit new members and helpers from other villages to join their thriving centre. If you would be interested or know someone who would benefit from this great group please contact either Heather Mealing on 01823 480947 or Roger Hughes on 01823 480044.

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Spring is in the air and plants will soon be shooting out all over the place. Just a reminder to make sure that your trees and bushes do not overhang the pathways, and to cut them back where necessary.