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The **April BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 12th**. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now £45. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

Tthe **April WHIST DRIVE** is on **Wednesday 26th**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The **April Health Walks.** will be on **Weds 5th April** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and on **Wednesday 19th at 10.30 am** from Ruishton Village Hall. Walks are up to 1.5 hours in duration. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads. For more information please ring Pat Pike on 442609 or Andy Smith on 444815 .

Our next **VILLAGE HALL Jumble Sale** will be on **Saturday May 6th at 12 noon .** If you want any thing collected please contact Liz on 443369 or Norma on 442040. We do appreciate it if you are able to bring your stuff straight to the Village Hall either on Friday May 5th between 7.30pm and 8.30pm or on Saturday 6th May before 10.30am.

Ruishton Carpet Bowls Club We meet at Ruishton Village Hall, Tuesday evening's 7pm - 9pm , & **Friday afternoon's 2pm - 4pm,** However due to the continued response for new membership this year, which has grown to over 55 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. You 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)

Ever thought of playing **MAH JONG** this club meets in the Village Hall on **Mondays from 2pm-5pm** ring Ken on 01823 257031 for more information. Beginners welcome, instructions can be given.

35th Ruishton Flower Show – 15th July A great time was had by all at Ruishton Village Hall which saw an evening of Flower Show related demonstrations; everyone enjoyed the talks by Peter Light, Pam Martin and Dave Duke who shared their knowledge of wine making, floral art and modern technology with us. Plus wonderful home-made cakes from the Show committee members and all free!

New handicraft classes for this year include “Upcycle: create something new from something old” and “Best use of half a metre of fabric”. Many new children’s classes including “Painted Flower Pot (max. dia. 20cm), and a “Decorated Pizza”.

New rule change – hanging baskets do not now need to have been planted up by yourselves but they must have been in your possession for not less than 2 months at the date of the Show.
Ruishton Flower Show now has its own Facebook Page where you will find updates about the Show and new classes as they happen. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1283138038446496/

‘Potato in a bucket” class - Now is the time to plant your Potato we have a supply of early cropping seed potatoes – or you can grow your own variety. Seed potatoes can be obtained from Lilian or Mike (13 Lawn Meadow) 10p each, this also covers your entry fee for this class. *Mike Marshall (Chairman)*

Ruishton Village Day 15th July 2017. We are in our 35th year and bookings for stalls have already started to come in, so if you are thinking of having a stall this year think about booking your space early. Invitations to previous stall holders should be arrive around the beginning of May. A special thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton, and Paul of the Carpet Shed Ilminster. J Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 15th July 2017. The Taunton and District Canine Association will be assisting on the day. Our judge for this years dog show will be Lilian Belazley (Cinnonie). Thanks to all our helpers and special thanks to our sponsors Hannah’s Hairline Salon Ruishton and Craig of Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater. J Elston 442568

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE May 2017 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Monday 17th April 2017 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on on **Monday 10th April at 2.30pm** at Rosemary'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 20th April**. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club

This month we read 'Solo' by William Boyd, a James Bond novel set in 1969, six years after Ian Fleming's last work. Bond is portrayed as a seasoned veteran of the service. His mission is to stop a civil war in West Africa. A connection was pointed out between this setting and the Biafran war; Boyd seems very knowledgeable and writes well on the subject. This book was an 'easy read' we enjoyed Boyd's writing and would like to read some more of his work. It would also be tempting to read an Ian Fleming book and compare the two author's Bond stories.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th April at 10.30 am. We will be discussing ' The Quiet American ' by Graham Greene. If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

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In Stitches @ St Georges will meet this month on **Friday 7th April,** from 10 – 12noon in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. The change of date is because our normal Friday is Good Friday.

Since Christmas "In Stitches" have been working on a "story sack" for Ruishton School. We have now finished knitting the characters and important features of "Handa's Surprise" by Eileen Browne. The children will use them to act out the story as it is read.

Now that the story sack is finished the group will be concentrating on a display for Taunton Live 2017. If you enjoy knitting or crotchet and would like to join us please just come along.
Muriel Coles (443019)



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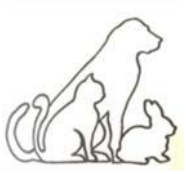
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

HENLADE STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT SITE AND ROAD INFRASTUCTURE

At the last Council meeting, Cllr Marshall and Cllr Lowe reported of the briefing at a meeting with representatives from Peter Brett Associates, LHC (Designers) and Taunton Deane Borough Council. Invitees were representatives from Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC, Stoke St Mary PC and Creech St Michael PC.

A summary the briefings are as follows:

The proposed strategic employment site at J25 is to be branded as NEXUS 25

Local Development Order's (LDO's) are favoured by Department of Community and Local Government as a vehicle for Local Authorities to deliver planning positively and quickly

Project Programme -

March 1st – 31st informal consultation (including 4 hours' public exhibition at the Holiday Inn)

May – Statutory Consultation will be a 6 week's consultation on the draft.

August – Submission of LDO

SCC will put in their J25 Improvement scheme for planning in April. At present the LDO process is based on this happening, if it doesn't happen, it will affect timings.

Site will be for high quality employment firms, including Research & Development uses. Also will include ancillaries such as hotel, café etc.

It is planned by Taunton Deane Borough Council to utilise the existing P&R in their Travel Plan and run a P&R bus into the employment site.

There is potential to put a cycle/footpath bridge across the motorway from Nexus 25 to join up with the existing cycleway through the Blackbrook estate.

Cllr Marshall and Cllr Lowe asked many questions on a number of concerns in regard to the use of a LDO. Also on flooding, sustainability appraisal, Core Strategy Review and parking provision. However, the main concern was that Taunton Deane Borough Council do not intend to include any public exhibitions for the formal Statutory Consultation and will solely rely on the press and TDBC's web site to formally consult with the electorate.

The Council will contact TDBC to strongly request a formal Public Consultation in the village as this proposed development will have a major effect in this area.

The informal consultation on Nexus 25 Junction 25 Strategic Employment Site is available to complete online or email from 1st March – 31st March. Link: http://consultldf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/j25/j25

You can download Consultation Panels and the questionnaire for further information

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 17th May 2017 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 it is planned to have a representative from County Highways to answer any highway concerns.

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017

5.4.17	3.5.17	7.6.17	5.7.17	2.8.17	6.9.17
4.10.17	1.11.17	6.12.17			

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

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Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who completed the Household Survey. Everyone's contributions will now be collated and a report will be compiled by CCS which we will receive in a few months. If you missed out this time, don't worry, this won't be your only opportunity to have your say. We are currently running workshops with the young people of our Parish and will be working on Business and Housing Needs Surveys throughout this year. In addition, we will be at Village Day again, along with other summer fetes.

If you would like to find out more about our Parish Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website www.Ruishton.org.uk, or you can email or speak to one of the following people:

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