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The **December BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 14th.** Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £85. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The **December WHIST DRIVE** is on **Wednesday 28th**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The **December Health Walks.** The only walk in December will be on **Weds 7th** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park. 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 . (443019)

NEXT JUMBLE SALE on **January 14h at 12 noon** in the Ruishton Village Hall. If you need stuff collected contact Liz Harper (443369)

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE is on **Friday 2nd December** from 5.30 to 8.00 pm.

Ruishton Church is holding a **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND FAYRE FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCHES in the Village Hall on December 3rd 11am-2.00pm**. There will be stalls including new and nearly new, crafts, books, bottle tombola, raffles and Christmas cards. We will be doing light lunches from 12 noon: for example home made soup, baked potatoes with assorted fillings, and some puddings all reasonably priced. No need to book. Contributions to stalls welcome, (Phone Liz 443369.)

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB We meet at **RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL** every Tuesday Evening from 7pm & 9pm, and Friday Afternoon between 2pm & 4pm. Come along, and give it a try, we are all a friendly social group. **We break up for Christmas on Tues 13th Dec & Fri 16th Dec 2016, and return on Tues 3rd & Fri 6th Jan 2017. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy Prosperous New Year.** 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.

RUISHTON PRODUCE MARKET in Ruishton Village Hall Ruishton Produce Market. I'm sorry to say that Saturday 26th November will be our last market. We gave it a go, but it was obviously not needed in the village. I would like to thank everyone who came and supported us and to all the stall holders and our helpers without them it would not have been possible. Since starting the market we have raised £450 for St Margaret's Hospice. Hope to see you for the last one, Dave is bringing his Pelham Puppet Show for us to see, so bring the kids along, **10-12am Saturday 26th November**, Many thanks Jane.

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE was popular again last Christmas and will take place in the Village Hall on **Friday December 16th at 7pm**. This is a celebration of Christmas with home grown family entertainment, organised by the Village Hall Committee. If you have a party piece lasting just a few minutes and would like to take part please get in touch. We are still looking for talent! Tickets are now available £2 for adults and £1 for children, this will include a drink (mulled wine, soft drinks, also tea and coffee will be available) with mince pie in the break. Phone Liz on 443369 or Julie on 444220 for tickets or to reserve them and collect at the door.

Coming up in February will be **CARDS 2017 PANTOMIME** which will be **Beauty and the Beast** The Panto will run at Ruishton Village Hall from **Wednesday 15th February to Saturday 18thFebruary** each evening at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.00 pm. **Tickets on sale from Monday 2nd January 2017.** Adults £7, Concessions £5. Family £20. No concessions Saturday evening. Box Office Joan 01823 443330

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE January 2017 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Monday 12th December

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on on **Monday 12th December at 2.30pm** at Janet'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 15th December**.
For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club This month's book was the third novel in the Cormoran Strike series written by Robert Galbraith aka JK Rowling. The story encompasses the relationship of Strike and his assistant Robin and the hunt for a killer who has his sights set on her. The group thought the book was at times dark and gruesome but most readers wanted to find out what happened to Strike and Robin. Our next read is "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain, we will be meeting **Wednesday 14th December**. For further information phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

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.

This Christmas In Stitches @ St Georges are proud to present the Christmas story at Ruishton Church. The wonderful knitted life size nativity figures have been produced over the past 12 months and are now ready for display. On **November 27th** Mary and Joseph will be found taking shelter outside of Ruishton Church. On **December 4th** they will be joined by three shepherds who will find a comfortable place to take shelter and rest in the church porch.
Baby Jesus is to be born (prematurely) on **December 24th** with the three Kings arriving to present their gifts soon after Christmas. This project is the result of hours of work by many people with a variety of skills and we really hope that the result will give pleasure and meaning to such a familiar story.

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RUISHTON GUIDING
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Taunton Mobile Library calls at Dinhams Farm Corner once every 4 weeks next visit **Wednesday 7th December** from **9.35 to 9.45**.



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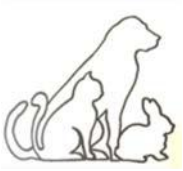
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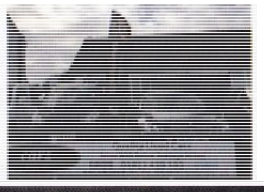
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM PROPOSALS

This threat has been with Town/Parish Councils for a few years but now it could be a real threat as all Town/Parish Councils have received a consultation paper 'Local Government Settlement Consultation'. Principle Authorities are capped at 2% already and the Government proposes to extend this principle to those Town/Parishes which have a higher Band D charge of £75.46 and have a at least total precept of £500K. At present this only affects 120 Town/Parishes in the Country. If a Council wants (or needs to) precept more than the 2% or £5 (whichever is the greater) of the Band D figure – then it will have to go to referendum (like an election) for the parish to agree which will have to paid for by the Town/Parish Council

However, the consultation also states the Government is aware that increases in precepts continue to concern local tax payers and is therefore prepared to consider extending referendums to ALL Town/ Parish Councils. If this happens, this will seriously affect Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council as the Government grant is being phased out with just £265 for 17/18 and then it will be nothing at all. The grant from the Government is to help Town and Parish Council mitigate the effects of the reform of the welfare system which replaced tax benefits.

If referendum principles were brought in for all Town and Parish Councils, it would mean that Ruishton & Thornfalcon could raise its budget by only £2600 to be over £5.00 increase for B and D. The Council could do a lot with £2600, for example the Council has been advised by the External Auditors that our General Reserve is too low plus we need necessary funding to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which ironically the Government is encouraging Town/Parish Councils to take on board. However, to saddle the Council to pay a further £1000/1500 on top of this for a referendum quite frankly does not make any sense. So it goes without saying that Ruishton & Thornfalcon has strongly opposed this potential move as will other Town/Parish Councils.

RUISHTON AND THRONFALCON BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

At the last meeting, the Parish Councillors expressed their disappointment that it has been a year since Borough Councillor Dave Durdan attended a meeting of the Parish Council and 15 months since Borough Councillor Kelly Durdan attended a meeting. They have not sent in a report despite being asked for a report if they cannot make a meeting and they have not replied to any emails from the Council. Contact with them has been non-existent. The Parish Council has made representations to both the Leader and the Chief Executive of Taunton Deane Borough Council in an attempt to resolve this situation but to no avail. Unfortunately, there is little that the Parish Council can do about this situation except to keep inviting our Borough Councillors every month to attend a meeting. However, it does mean that the Council has lost a vital link between the Parish Council and the Borough Council

G.I.S MAPPING SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND 'REPORT A PROBLEM' ON THE HIGHWAYS

Public Rights of Way – Explore Somerset is now available at www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway The interactive system can be used to report any issues such as broken stiles or blocked paths. People can log the issue on the map and also upload photos to help wardens easily locate the problem. People can also leave an email address to receive updates when the issue is resolved or closed.

Report a problem on the Highway – New interactive map has been launched by Somerset County Council to allow people to report problems such as a pothole, blocked drain or poor road surface. Log the issue on the map by location and then fill in details of the problem using an online form. People can leave an email address to receive updates. 'Report it' is available at:
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DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016/17

7.12.16 4.1.17 1.2.17 1.3.17 5.4.17 6.5.17 3.6.17

1.7.17 5.8.17 2.9.17 7.10.17 4.11.17 2.12.17

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.

The Council would like to wish all the parishioners a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

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