RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW November

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The **December BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 13th.** Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now back to £45. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

There is **no whist drive** in December.

THE **DECEMBER HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 6th Dec** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and is 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 QUIZ** will be on **Saturday December 9th at 7.30pm** so start getting those brains in gear ready for Mike Marshall who is our quiz master. Mike should be warming up for Christmas by now, so be prepared for what might come out of his bag this time. £2 per person, tables of 4.

Ruishton Church is holding their **CHRISTMAS FAIR** in the Village Hall on **December 2nd 11am to 2.00pm.** Light lunches will be available (no need to book). Children's activities are available in the meeting room. See leaflet on back of newsletter.
Christmas Services at Ruishton, Thornfalcon and Creech St Michael also listed on above leaflet.

Ruishton Primary School is holding their **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** at Woodlands Castle on **Thursday 7 December at 17.30.**

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE was popular again last Christmas and will take place in the Village Hall on **Friday December 22nd 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. For tickets phone Liz on 443369 or get from any committee member or reserve them and collect at the door.

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB : We meet at Ruishton Village Hall every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm, and Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. The new season is now in full swing so come along and give it a try, £2 per session for up to 4 weeks, and then decide if you want to join as a club member of our friendly social community group. Membership is £6 per annum, with a fee of £1.50 for each session you attend. For further information phone Mavis Skeggs 442427 (treasurer) or Derek Garrett (Chairman).

Mah Jong Club Come and join us- beginners welcome, and play a real game (not a computer game) Instruction can be given. Come and see us, Mondays from 14. 00 to. 17.00 at Ruishton Village hall. For more information contact Ken on 01823 257031

Wine Circle The Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers constitution objectives include providing a social environment for members to enjoy wine. At the start of the meeting a trophy and certificate were presented to Norman Crane whose sweet sherry had won the prize at the South West Counties Festival held at Dawlish recently. During wine forum Rita's problems of stopping a red wine fermenting after eighteen months, and Tommy's for clearing a wine made this year with fresh grapes was discussed.
Next month the Circle will host Bridgwater Winemakers Circle. The evening will consist of an inter Circle competition for aperitifs, liqueurs and infusions (sloe gin etc; a Call my Bluff with wine followed by a festive buffet. This will be at Ruishton Village Hall on the 12th of December. Details are available from the Secretary on 01823 256265.

Coming up in February will be **CARDS 2018 PANTOMIME** which will be **The Pied Piper** The Panto will run at Ruishton Village Hall from **Wednesday 14th February to Saturday 17th February** each evening at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.00 pm. **Tickets on sale from Tuesday 2nd January 2018.**
Box Office Joan 01823 443330

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE January 2018 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Friday 15th December 2017 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

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 Village Hall meeting 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 on **Thursday 21st December** , at Creech St Michael Baptist Church Hall. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club This month we discussed 'Conclave' a thriller written by Robert Harris. The pope has died and cardinals from all over the world gather to elect his successor. Harris writes about powerful people capable of deceit, delusion and hypocrisy. Each time these men with rivalling ambitions vote, there is a new twist to the story. The reader is left wondering how it will end and who will be the next pope.
We all enjoyed this book, it was well researched and there was a lot of informational to digest. It was however cleverly balanced, carefully layered and quietly thrilling.
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th Of December at 10.30am. At that meeting we will be discussing 'The Great Stink' by Clare Clark. If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589

This Christmas "**In stitches @ St George's**" would like to help you to remember absent family and friends. A specially designed **Christmas Tree** with prepared decorations will be in Ruishton Church from December 8th. Just choose a decoration from those provided and name it if you wish, before hanging it on the tree.
We are very pleased that our **life size nativity scene** is now enhancing the Christmas atmosphere and helping to raise funds for St Margaret's Hospice, in the restaurant of **Monkton Elm Garden Centre.**
In stitches @ St George's will next meet on **Friday 8th December between 10am and 12noon** in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. Newcomers are always welcome and anyone who enjoys knitting or crotchet should just come along. For further information ring Muriel Coles 443019

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

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Guides Cath Ellis (442398), Brownies Kay Allen (444426), Rainbows Cath Ellis (442398)

BUS to ASDA There is a regular WEDNESDAY MORNING bus to Asda. First stop is at Alexavia Caravan Park at 11am, by the Post Box at bottom of Lawn Meadow at 11.05am.
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Don't miss out on these fabulous offers this Christmas at **Hannah's Hairlines.**
We are excited to launch our new pamper packages (see attached leaflet), they are an ideal gift for any or all the women in your life—maybe even a cheeky treat for you.
We are also offering you ladies to come into the salon before those Christmas parties or family events to get your hair and makeup done at just £49.50. Getting ready could never be so easy!!
Watch out for the January offers in the next newsletter– we hope to see you all soon!



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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELDS SUPPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION

There was going to be a public exhibition and a special meeting of the Parish Council on 15 November. However, this event has now been postponed due to Highway England not being ready to announce the further options for Section 1. The Parish Council apologies for any inconvenience that this has caused.

Originally, Highway England stated that the consultation would be launched and completed in this calendar year. The Council is concerned that given a consultation period is 6 weeks, the later it gets launched, the more likely it will be running through the Christmas period if H.E. keeps to their aim of completion at the end of this year. The Council will be strongly campaigning to extend the completion date if this happens.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the Council does not know when the public consultation will begin. So please look at the Notice Boards and the web site for any announcement

NEW COUNCILLOR AND A COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Council co-opted and welcomed Mr Justin Fudge as a councillor for Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Justin for putting his name forward and he hoped that he will find his time on the Council to be rewarding and worthwhile.

Mr Andy Bowey has resigned from the Council due to work commitments. The Parish Council wish him all the best for the future. Therefore, there is still one vacancy on the Council to make a full quota of 12 councillors. So, could you help keep Ruishton & Thornfalcon a vibrant, good place to live by becoming a Parish Councillor? You could be in at the 'grass roots' level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted! You could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.
Being a councillor, you would attend meetings and generally keep up to date with things or you could be more active and take on a responsibility in an area that interests you.
Any person interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Heather Bryant by phone 01460 234770 or e-mail ruishtonpc@gmail.com for more information. Or speak to a present Councillor.

PARK AND RIDE

At long last Somerset County Council has commissioned a contractor to progress the maintenance at the Park and Ride to generally tidy up the site and cut back the overgrown vegetation. The Council will keep pressing for Somerset County Council to engage a maintenance programme for the site on a regular basis.

DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE

The Council was successful in applying for £1000 grant towards the cost of a defibrillator from T.D.B.C in conjunction with Somerset Community Foundation. The Village Day Committee has kindly agreed a donation of £500 and the Council will raise further funds from donations and the precept. In with the price of the defibrillator there is an offer of free training of up to 16 people, two residents have already put their names forward so that leaves 14 places remaining. So, if you are interested in training to use the defibrillator, please contact the Clerk

STEPPING STONES- FOSTERING IN SOMERSET

Foster parents are urgently needed to offer supported lodgings to young people aged 16-18 who are leaving care. If you have a spare room, some free time and an understanding and experience of young people and their problems, Stepping Stones would like to hear from you. Please call on 0800 587 9900 or visit www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 17/18

6.12.17 3.1.18 7.2.18 7.3.18 4.4.18 2.5.18
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
Parish Clerk: Mrs Heather Bryant, Northay House, Northay, Chard. TA20 3DN. Tel: 01460 234770.
Email: ruishtonpc@gmail.com
Neighbourhood Plan - link to the website **www.Ruishton.org.uk**<**http://www.Ruishton.org.uk**> and to the Facebook page "Ruishton, Thornfalcon & Henlade".
The Council would like to wish all the parishioners a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

Business/Employment Survey

Have Your Say

This process is about you, your business and its future. We can't stop the future from happening; we can help make it a better future

Businesses are essential to the vitality and viability of our community, therefore, we want to understand the businesses in our Parishes, the reasons for locating here, what would encourage businesses to stay in the area and what their future needs are, so that we can try to help meet them through the development of our Neighbourhood Plan.

All businesses in Henlade, Ruishton & Thornfalcon have recently been sent a questionnaire through the post. If you have not received a copy of the survey or, if you mislay your questionnaire, you can download another copy or find more information at http://www.ruishton.org.uk/parishcouncil/np/index.htm

The closing date is Friday 1st December 2017.

A few minutes spent filling out this questionnaire will make a difference – Have Your Say!

Somerset residents mark decades of waste progress

With every can, bottle and apple core they recycle this week, Somerset residents are marking a significant double anniversary.

It is two decades since all six Somerset councils - five districts and the county – formally agreed to jointly drive forward an environmental agenda to help households waste less, recycle more and save money.

And it is 10 years since that agreement was transformed into the innovative Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) as services were improved and streamlined to drive up recycling from barely 15% to its present 52%.

Since 1997, Somerset's waste history shows how the commitment of residents to recycling has helped it pioneer new ways of working, with careful research and planning eliminating difficulties, enhancing services and improving performance.

These include launching the UK's first major weekly collection of household food waste, and later ensuring that all collected food waste is consumed by billions of "burping bacteria" at Somerset's £10m anaerobic digestion plant to produce power for the grid and farm compost to grow more food.

RECYCLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH

PRESS RELEASE

Somerset Waste Partnership

Come and find out about the Children's Society and take part in our free fun morning in the

Meeting Room,
Ruishton Village Hall

On **Saturday 2 December** from **11:00 to 13:00**.

The church fair is in the main hall see over.

Children will be able to make a
Christmas Candle Wreath
and everybody can enjoy a glass of hot punch.

If you have a Children's Society collection box, then bring it along.

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT RUISHTON, CREECH ST MICHAEL AND THORNFALCON CHURCHES

Candlelit Night Prayer for Advent - Monday evenings at 8.00 pm for 30 minutes.
4th December at Ruishton Church
11th December at Creech Church
18th December at Thornfalcon Church



Come and enjoy some peace and stillness and reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming.

Sunday 3 December – Ruishton Church of England Primary School Candlelit Carol Service at Ruishton Church at 6.00 pm (presented by year 6 children)

Christmas Family Carol Service and Christingle at Ruishton Church on Sunday 17th December at 11am.

Christmas Carol Service at Thornfalcon Church on Sunday 17 December at 4.00 pm with In Harmony choir, followed by seasonal refreshments.

Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm at Creech St Michael

Crib Service with Pop up Nativity at Ruishton Church on Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or wise men!

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service at Ruishton Church at 11.30 pm

Holy Communion with Carols at Thornfalcon Church at 8.15 am on Christmas Day

Holy Communion with Carols at Creech St Michael on Christmas Day at 10.00 am



Saturday
2nd December

11.00am –2.00 pm



Christmas Café and Festive Fair Including Light Lunches



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