RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW November
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We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas

The VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW tickets are renewable by 1st December 2018 at a cost of £5.00 yearly. There are a few spares, if interested please contact Norma Hemburrow on 442040

BINGO will be on **Wednesday 12th December** . 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).

WHIST No Whist in December.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ Our next quiz is on **Saturday December 8th at 7.30pm**. Mike Marshall is our quiz master. And Christmas is coming so he should have some nice surprises in store for us! £2 per person, tables of 4. Bring your own drinks, coffee and tea and some snacks will be available to buy at half time.

Our next **JUMBLE SALE is on Saturday 26th January at 12 noon. If you need us to collect jumble from you please call Liz on 443369 or Norma on 442010 (after Christmas please!)**

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB:
We meet at Ruishton Village Hall, on Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm, and Friday Afternoons 2pm - 4pm. New Members are always welcome, the last days of play before we start our Christmas Break are on Tuesday 11th Dec, and Friday 14th Dec 2018, and we return in the New Year on Friday 4th Jan, and Tuesday 8th Jan.2019
For further info phone Mavis Skeggs (Treasurer) 01823 442427 or Derek Garrett (Chairman) 01823 442876. Wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. .

1ST DECEMBER RUISHTON CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAFÉ AND FAIR 11AM TO 2PM in the Village Hall. We will open at 11am for coffee and mince pies and will be serving lunches from 12.15, we look forward to seeing you. If anyone has any cakes, bottles for the tombola, books or good condition odds and ends to donate we would appreciate it. There will be a raffle, books and jigsaws, cards as well as above and something for the children to do. If you need anyone to collect anything contact Liz 443369.

RUISHTON SCHOOL HOLD THEIR CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT WOODLANDS CASTLE on Wednesday 5th December 5.00 pm to 7.30pm. There will be many stalls, so come and get some Christmas Presents for friends and family. Any queries to ruishtonpta@hotmail.co.uk

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 Lydia (444982)

TAUNTON & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CLUB We are a club offering a wide range of social activities for the over 50s, including a monthly meeting at Ruishton Village Hall. For more information contact Sally (442733).

CARDS pantomime this year will be Cinderella. The panto will run at Ruishton Village Hall from Wednesday 20th February to Saturday 23rd February each evening at 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd matinee at 2.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 2nd January 2019. Adults £8, Concessions £6, family ticket £23. (No concessions on Saturday night).
Box Office Joan 01823 443330.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE January 2019 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Saturday 15th December 2018 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

Ruishton Book Club '*The Girl Who Saved The King of Sweden*' by Jonas Jonasson is a quirky and funny read in a unique style. Nombeko, the central character, is born into poverty in apartheid South Africa from where she emerges by her own wits and talents to go on the run from a feared secret service, with a coat full of diamonds and a 'spare' atomic bomb! The cast of underdogs and losers lead her through many twists with global consequences. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th December at 10.30 discussing Agatha Christie's '*The Mysterious Affair at Styles'*. For more information phone Peter Jones 443160

Wine Circle meet this month on Tuesday 11th December for a Christmas Social with a Liqueur Competition.

RUISHTON and THORNFALCON CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 9thDecember	6pm	Ruishton School will be putting on a Candlelit Carol Service for the village in Church .
Sunday 16th December	3pm	Christingle Carol Service for all the family at Ruishton Church
Sunday 23rd December	4pm	Carol Service at Thornfalcon Church.
Monday 24th December:	6pm	Crib Service at Ruishton Church
Christmas Day	8.15am	Holy Communion at Thornfalcon Church
	9.30am	Holy Communion at Ruishton Church

There are no Carols around the Christmas Tree this year in the Village Hall.

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

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November is always a month for remembering but Christmas is also a time full of memories. The "In Stitches" Christmas tree will be in Ruishton Church from Sunday 9th December and you are invited to celebrate the memory of those special people who are absent this Christmas. 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 is once again on display in the restaurant of Monkton Elm Garden Centre for the Christmas season.

For further information ring Muriel Coles 443019.

The **POLICING TEAM** that cover the Ruishton area are as below. They are no longer contactable by phone but can be contacted by e-mail.
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claire.escott@avonandsomerset.police.uk
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

DEFIBRILLATOR

The project of installing the defibrillator is finally completed and is ready to use assuming that there are no problems with Western Power connecting the electricity on 22nd November. If you come across someone who is not breathing or breathing erratically, the most important thing is to call 999 and start CPR. The operator will give you a code to open the defibrillator cabinet**.** If you are on your own, do not stop CPR to get the defibrillator as it is important to keep blood flowing around the body. Defibrillators are designed to be used by lay persons; the machines guide the operator through the process by verbal instructions and visual prompts. They are safe and will not allow a shock to be given unless the heart's rhythm requires it.
However, as part of the package, Heartstart is giving free training for 16 people. This will be sometime in the New Year probably on a Saturday morning. The Council already has a list of 16 interested people but in case not everybody on the list can make that Saturday, please email the clerk to be added to the list.

COLD CALLING STICKERS

These are stickers that you can stick on the inside of your front door stating that 'cold calling' (salesmen, canvassing) are not welcome. The Council has managed to obtain a few of these stickers to give away to any interested parishioner. If you would like one please contact Cllr Justin Fudge at justin.fudge@btinternet.com First come, first served and once they have gone there will be no more.

DOG MESS

It has been reported that there are areas around the parish where dog owners have allowed their dogs to foul the ground and not picked up the mess afterwards. Fortunately, most dog owners are responsible dog owners but there are a few that don't clean up the mess. This is unsightly, unpleasant, unhealthy and anti-social. Dog faeces can carry a dangerous disease called Toxocariasis, which, although rare, can cause severe problems to children's health including severe problems to children's health including blindness. The best way to prevent toxocariasis is to pick up and dispose of your dog's faeces immediately. When walking your dog, always take a poop scoop or bags with you. It is your duty as a dog owner to clean up after your dog. If there is no dog bin nearby, take the bag home and dispose of it in your dustbin. Report others who do not obey this simple rule to the Dog Warden. It is an offence for a dog walker not to remove their dogs' faeces immediately from land to which the public has access. The Dog Wardens carry out regular patrols and will issue £50 fixed penalty fines to dog owners who do not pick up the mess made by their dogs. Failure to pay the fixed penalty could result in a prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000 on conviction.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT SERVICE

Somerset County Council is seeking people's views on proposals that would see a reduction in some of the support currently provided for children and their families by the Council's getset service. The support that would be reduced is mostly for families with children aged 0 to 4 who need a little extra short-term help. You can view the consultation on www.somerset.gov.uk/getsetconsultation
Closing date 5pm 31.12.18

CHANGES TO HIGHWAY WINTER SERVICE 2018/19

A recent decision was taken by Somerset County Council's Cabinet to reduce the budget available for highways winter service for this year. One of the key changes is precautionary gritting network
The precautionary gritting network is the network of roads treated to help prevent ice forming when road temperatures are predicted to drop below one degree centigrade.
This year they will be gritting 720 miles (1,159km) or around 17 per cent of the total road network of 4,164 miles (6,702km) in Somerset. This is a reduction from 900 miles or 21 per cent of the

network last year.
To check which roads are now included and those which are not please visit www.travelsomerset.co.uk/gritting where you can zoom in and search by location or road name.

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

5.12.18. 2.1.19 6.2.19 6.3.19 3.4.19

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

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THANK YOU



A big thank you to everyone who came to the park on 27th October and helped inform our Neighbourhood Plan.
We gathered some great feedback and ideas from you which will be used to inform any potential improvements to our recreation facilities, if the opportunity should arise in the future. We will also include any Facebook comments that have been posted.
We will now add this information to that already gathered as part of our Neighbourhood Plan process.
If you would like to find out more about your Parish Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website www.ruishton.org.uk.

Road Closures

For more details visit www.travelsomerset.co.uk/roadworks/

There are various road closures happening around the parishes of Ruishton and Thornfalcon over the next few weeks.

Tuesday 11th December to Thursday 13th December from 5pm, and each night. This is due to water works. From end of Cheats Rd along Lipe Lane towards Creech .

Monday 17th December to December 23rd Road closed from end of Church Lane Thornfalcon towards Creech St Michael

9th January from the motorway roundabout to just past the end of Ruishton Lane from 6pm to about 11pm.

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* Ensure people living alone are not forgotten
* Make the local community aware of social problems in their area
* Offer advice, particularly to the elderly
* Locate people who are lonely and need help such as food or local services
* Advice on energy problems and how to save money

