RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW February

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The **February BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 8th**. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now £35'. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

Tthe **February WHIST DRIVE** is on **Wednesday 22nd**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The **February Health Walks.** will be on **Weds 1st February** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and on **Wednesday 15th 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 .

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB We meet at **RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL every Tuesday Evening from 7pm & 9pm and Friday Afternoon between 2pm & 4pm.** You can come along, and have a trial play as a guest for a small fee of £2 for each session, for up to 4 weeks, after which time an annual membership fee of £6 will be required, which also entitles you to a smaller fee of £1.50 per session. This also includes a free cup of tea, and a biscuit at half time. Come along, and give it a try, we are all a friendly social community group. For further information phone Mavis Skeggs 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 442876

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 VILLAGE DAY FLOWER SHOW This year we are looking forward to the 35th Village Day Flower Show and to kick things off the Show's committee have organised a Flower Show related evening at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th March at Ruishton Village Hall. There will be wine making and floral art demonstrations plus light refreshments. See next month's newsletter for further details. Mike Marshall Chairman Flower Show

Breaking News!

This year's theme for the Scarecrow Trail is "A Traditional Scarecrow".

BUS to ASDA As from the beginning of January, there will be 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 and then on to Creech St Michael at 11.10am stopping just past the Vets Surgery. It is free and the return journey leaves ASDA at 1.00pm. If the service is not used then ASDA may not continue with this service, so everyone please take advantage this service. Chance to meet others do your shopping and have a coffee togethjer before coming home.

CARDS 2017 PANTOMIME is **Beauty and the Beast** The Panto will run at Ruishton Village Hall from **Wednesday 15th February to Saturday 18th February** each evening at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.00 pm. **Tickets on sale .** 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 February 2017 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Thursday 16th February 2017 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on on **Monday 13th February at 2.30pm** at Margaret (k)'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 9th February**.(One week early due to pantomime). For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club

This time we read "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain. The book is a fictional, historical memoir of Beryl Markham. Set against the landscape of early twentieth century Africa, Paula McLain's story reveals the adventures of Beryl who could be seen as a woman before her time. McLain writes of the scandal and speculation that follow Beryl. Some of us wanted a more factual account of her life and felt that more could have been written about her great achievements in the training of horses and especially in aviation.
"The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katharine Bivald, is the book we will be discussing at our next meeting on Wednesday 8th February.
If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

PRECEPT FOR 17/18

The good news is that Secretary of State has stated that the Government is not proposing to introduce 'capping' for Town and Parish Councils for the Financial year 17/18 but the 'threat' is still there for future years. His statement is as follows:

"We have decided that we will defer our proposals this year, while keeping the level of precepts set by town and parish councils under close review.

I expect all town and parish councils to clearly demonstrate restraint when setting increases that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities".

Therefore, the Council had difficult decisions to make in setting the precept for this year and future planning. The Council is now committed to producing a Neighbourhood Plan which is an additional responsibility. The Council allocated £5,000 for the Neighbourhood Plan from the budget. Also the Council allocated £3000 to the Play Equipment Capital Reserve making a total to date of £3500. The Council used all the money from this Reserve last year on a refurbishment programme for replacing old and worn out play equipment on the Recreational Ground. To ensure that the Council has sufficient funds for new play equipment for future years, this Reserve needs to be added to each year especially as grants for these types of projects are becoming increasingly difficult to source. The External Auditor commented last year that the Council's General Reserve was too low. The Council did allow £4000 to this Reserve in 16/17 and it is hoped that the Council can allocate another £3000 by savings made in 16/17

To this end the Council set a £21,210 budget which is an increase of £10.54 per year for a Band D charge which equates to an extra 20p a week.

SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP

Somerset Waste Board has agreed to start a new Recycle More collection service, adding new kerbside recycling materials such as plastic pots, tubs and trays but this will result in three-weekly pick-ups of other rubbish (big grey bin) instead for fortnightly. Weekly food waste and fortnightly garden waste will stay the same. This will be rolled out on three phases from late 2017. For advice and more information visit: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

The Council was concerned that larger families will find this difficult with only having three weekly collections of the big grey bin and that when recycling was first introduced, the big grey bin was designed to take the capacity of two week's waste but now it will be expected the take three week's waste albeit less plastic pots, tubs and trays. County Councillor Ross Henley kindly agreed to take the Councils' concerns to the Waste Management Board.

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

At the December meeting, the Council expressed their disappointment that it has been a year (now 14 months) since Borough Councillor Dave Durdan attended a meeting of the Parish Council and 15 months (now 17 months) since Borough Councillor Kelly Durdan attended a meeting. Plus, the fact that they do not send in any written reports, respond to any emails from the Council or have any contact with the Parish Council at all.

The Chairman attended a Taunton Deane Borough Full Council meeting on 12th December and spoke in the Public Speaking Time outlining the Council's dissatisfaction that both of these Borough Councillors have no interest in the good of the parish with current and ongoing issues such as flooding, housing, speeding and enforcement action. The Chairman stated that it is extremely concerning and frustrating that the Parish is not being represented by the Borough Councillors and the parish should not have to wait until 2019 for the next election, especially given the fact that the Parish is likely to be subject to major changes with the proposed upgrade of the A358 through Henlade, the major remodelling of Junction 25 and the Employment Site, all within the very near future.

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016/17

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

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Have Your Say

Neighbourhood Plan Household Questionnaire

This is about you, your family and their future.
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During the last week of February all households in Henlade, Ruishton & Thornfalcon will receive a questionnaire through the post. It has been devised by people from the Parish to help produce our own Neighbourhood Plan.
By filling it in you will help us shape the future of this area where change is likely to happen. When the A358 is by-passed the whole Parish will be affected and the Neighbourhood Plan will be our way of influencing the future. Your input through this questionnaire is very important.
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A few minutes spent filling out this questionnaire will make a difference – Have Your Say!