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The **February BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 21st.** (This is later than usual due to the pantomime. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now to £55. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The **February WHIST** drive is on **Wednesday 28th** at 7.30pm.

THE **FEBRUARY HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 7th** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park and is up to 1.5 hours in duration, the Ruishton Walk from the Village Hall will be on **Weds 21st also at 10.30**. 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.
Come along, to a trial session for £2 per session for up to 4 weeks, before you become a club member, and then decide if you want join our friendly social group. For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs 01823 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 01823 442876 (Chairman)

Our next **JUMBLE SALE is on Saturday 27th January at 12 noon.** We appreciate it if you can bring jumble to the village hall on either Friday 26th between 7.30 pm and 9.00pm or on the Saturday morning before 10.30am. If you need stuff collected then contact Liz on 443369 or Norma on 442040

MAH JONG Fancy a change on Monday afternoons**.** Every Monday (except bank holidays) (2pm to 5pm), at Ruishton village hall. Instruction for beginners.

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers See page 3

Ruishton Village Day 21st July 2018 We would like to thank everyone who has supported Village Day in the last 35 years, looking forward to our 36th year in 2018 and hope to have the same support from helpers, stall holders and everyone who comes to see us on the day. We are always looking for attractions so give me a shout if you have any ideas, also we are looking for new stalls to add to our usual ones such as plants, crafts, bakery or any other ideas, give me a ring if you could fill a gap. We are pleased to be able to give a donation towards the defibrillator planned for the village. Your support for village day has made this possible, whilst still leaving sufficient funds for this year's village day. MORE NEXT TIME. Thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton also Paul at the Carpet Shed Ilminster. John Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 21st July 2018 Thanks to all who participate and help. Once again Taunton and District Canine Society have agreed to run the dog show for 2018, their experience is invaluable. We will announce our judge later. Thanks to our supporters Hannah's Hairlines Sallon, Ruishton also Craig at Western Fuel Supplies Bridgwater. John Elston 442568

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 now.**
Box Office Joan 01823 443330

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE March 2018 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Friday 16th February 2018 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 8th February** , at Ruishton Village Hall. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club 'Never Let Me Go' by Kazou Ishiguro is a story that revolves around three students growing up, their relationships and place in the world. The characters are clones created to provide organs for humans. A cycle of donations will eventually end their young lives. They seem to accept the constraints society has made on them. As you read the novel there is a slow erosion of hope in this chilly haunting tale. We all thought that the quality of writing was good, the story was slow and drawn out and the subject very thought provoking.
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th February at 10.30am. We will be discussing 'A Long Way Down' by Nick Hornby. If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

In stitches @ St George's will next meet on **Friday 9 th February 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

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RUISHTON GUIDING
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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.
It is **FREE** and the return journey leaves ASDA at 1.00pm.

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Catering for servicemen both at the base and whilst engaged in conflict in Afghanistan is a challenge that was explained to Taunton Amateur Country Wine makers' Circle at their January meeting. The Speaker was Cpl Pip Price of the RLC who is attached to 675 Squadron of the Army Air Corp as part of the Army Reserve. Pip explained that during his 31 years in uniform he had been an infantryman, a combat medic and a chef and, whilst the catering at the main camps in UK has been contracted out , he is now part of a team providing sustenance as and when it is required
He explained the cooking facilities varied from individual hexamine cookers to elaborate field kitchens. When in a base camp local produce was procured after the origins and source had been thoroughly checked. The challenge of ensuring those on active service were supplied with nutritious and appetising food for very active persons has resulted in a very varied range of snacks and meals. The circle members were given samples of some of the 'boil in a bag' rations and many thought that some of the dishes were comparable to that in a first class restaurant. The chicken soup and the Gurkha Curry being particularly praised. Pip explained that they also had to ensure that the troops had a range of palatable and also energy drinks whilst in the field to avoided dehydration problems. He was thanked for a very interesting talk and delicious samples by Ian.

Members were reminded that the Circle's next meeting would be on the 6th February, the first Tuesday of the month, rather than the second, due to Ruishton Panto taking priority on our usual meeting date. Details of the Circle contacts, the programme and wine recipes can be obtained by 'Googling' Taunton Winemakers for the Circle web site.

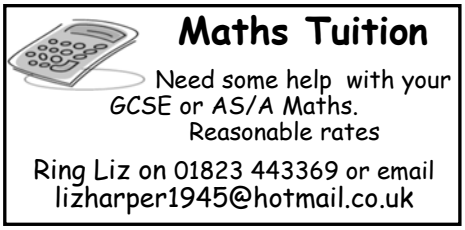
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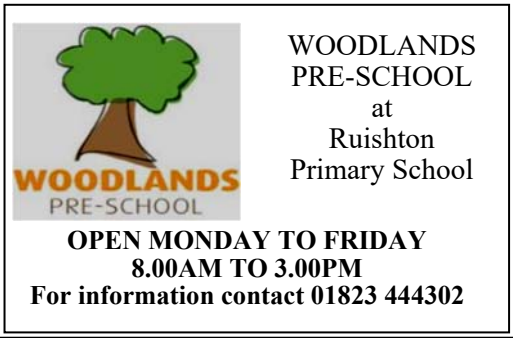
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELDS SCHEME All occupiers in the parish should have received a letter from Highway England informing of a route options consultation for the above scheme from **16th January to 27 February.** Just a reminder that there are public exhibitions events where you can find out more about the proposals with members of the Project Team on hand to answer any questions you may have. The public events are being held at:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Friday, 26 January 2018	12.00-20.00	Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Avenue Taunton TA1 2UA *Please remember to register your vehicle with reception on arrival if you wish to use their car-park to avoid a fine*
Thursday 1 February 2018	12.00-20.00	The Wyvern Club Mountfields Road, Taunton TA1 3BJ
Wednesday 21 February 2018	09.30-12.00	St Mary's Village Hall Stoke St Mary TA3 5BY
Wednesday 21 February 2018	14.00-17.30	Ruishton Village Hall

In addition to the public events, the consultation material will be available to view at Public Information Points. The nearest to this parish is Henlade Post Office.

Unfortunately, it looks like that Highway England is not offering a presentation with a question & answer session to the public of individual parishes this time although this Parish Council and other Parish Councils are pressing very hard for such events. So, if this is not successful, it is very important that you attend one of the public exhibitions to see what is proposed. **It is rumored that there will be three options between the M5 and A358 near West Hatch so it could impact the area where you live. It is also very important that you respond to the consultation.** There are a number of ways you can provide feedback during the route option consultation:
Visit the website at www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields. Contact via phone 0300 123 5000 or by email at A358TauntontoSouthfields@highwaysengland.co.uk

Highway England has offered a 'briefing' to Members of the Parish Council. The provisional date is 29th January 2018. If this is confirmed, the Parish Council will hold a special meeting on **31st January 2018.** The Councillors will do their best to answer any questions you may have**. A date for the special meeting is subject to change so please look on the Web site or Notice Boards for any updates**

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT CREECH CASTLE JUNCTION IN TAUNTON
This presentation got cancelled for the January meeting by Somerset County Council in the last week before Christmas. The Parish Council would like to apologize to those parishioners who turned up for the January meeting for the presentation. As a reminder, Somerset County Council is in the process of developing a business case for a highway improvement scheme at Creech Castle junction in Taunton. As part of the process SCC will undertake a process of consultation during January. Given the Parish's close proximity to the junction, the Highway and Commissioning Team will now attend Ruishton & Thornfalcon meeting on 7th February 2018, 7.30pm in Ruishton Village Hall to give a presentation followed by a question and answer session.

A COUNCILLOR VACANCY
The Parish Council was very sad to hear Mr Robert Powell has resigned from the Council due to new venture of training to be a Police Constable with the British Transport Police. The Parish Council wish him every success and all the best for the future. Robert will be greatly missed.
The Parish Council now has two vacancies 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?
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.

DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE Hopefully the defibrillator will be in position in the centre of the village very soon. In with the price of the defibrillator there is an offer of free training of up to 16 people, there is still a few places left. So, if you are interested in training to use the defibrillator, please contact the Clerk.

DOGS CHASING SHEEP It has been reported that loose and unattended dogs have been worrying sheep in the parish. Please do not let your dog out to wander unattended and when walking in the countryside please keep your dog on a lead. Please remember that a farmer is lawfully entitled to shoot any dog that is seen to be worrying sheep.

VEHICLES PARKING ON PAVEMENTS It has been reported that vehicles are parking partly on pavements in the village of Ruishton. When this happens pedestrians especially people with pushchairs can be forced into the road, which can result in an increased risk of an accident. This is inconsiderate and dangerous, so please do not do it.

Planning Renovations This Year? If you're thinking of a new extension, a bit of remodelling, or finally knocking down that old garage, have you checked for asbestos? Any property built or refurbished before 2000 could potentially contain ACMs (Asbestos Containing Materials). Commonly found in corrugated roofing sheets, it was also widely used in artex-type paint coatings, insulation material, floor tiles, other construction material, fixtures and fittings. Left undisturbed, these materials don't present a health risk. However, when damaged the fibres easily become airborne and can be inhaled. Exposure to these microscopic fibres can lead to severe lung disease and cancer. In the UK, around 5000 deaths a year are linked to asbestos exposure, and it can take years for symptoms to develop. Invisible to the naked eye and normally blended with other substances, professional testing is needed to ensure asbestos is dealt with safely.
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DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2018
7.2.18 7.3.18 4.4.18 2.5.18 6.8.18 4.7.18 1.8.18
5.9.18 3.10.18 7.11.18 5.12.18
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
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You will receive a Housing Needs Survey at the beginning of February, so keep your eyes peeled for it arriving in your post.

Again, your views will be considered in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan so please complete the survey and *tell us what you need.* Your input through this survey is very important.

If you mislay your survey you can either contact the Administrator on 07740 624726, or download another copy from our website by using this link http://www.ruishton.org.uk/parishcouncil/np/index.htm.

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Neighbourhood Plan - link to the website **www.Ruishton.org.uk**<**http://www.Ruishton.org.uk**> and to the Facebook page "Ruishton, Thornfalcon & Henlade".