RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

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BINGO will be on **Wednesday 11th July** and on **Wednesday 8th August** . Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now up to £80. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

WHIST drives wil be on **Wednesday 27th July** and on **Wednesday 22nd August** at 7.30pm.

THE **JULY HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 4th and August 1st** 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 18th and August 15th 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, on Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm, and Friday Afternoons 2pm - 4pm, we finish for the summer break on Tuesday 26th July, and Fridays only have been extended up to Friday 27th July (except the 20th July due to Village Day preparations)
Our first meetings after the summer break will be Tuesday 4th Sept, and Friday 7th Sept, please come along to our friendly group, and give it a try. For further information See us at the Ruishton Village Day on Sat 21st July on our Bottle Stall or Phone Mavis Skeggs (Treasurer) 01823 442427 or Derek Garrett (Chairman) 01823 442876

RUISHTON FLOWER SHOW – 21st JULY We'd like to see a record number of entries again this year and with over 100 classes to choose from its not just about flowers, fruit and vegetables there are plenty of classes for handicrafts, baking, photography, flower arranging plus wine & drinks. Please check your Schedules carefully as we've made some changes in the Handicraft, Cookery and Children's sections. And don't forget that the Hanging Basket Competition will be judged in situ, on Sunday 15th July. The Scarecrow Competition, (Theme – Cartoon Characters) will also start on Sunday 15th July and will be on display until Friday 20h July as a Trail for you to follow and to give you the opportunity to vote for your favourite. Maps will be pinned around the village showing the location of each scarecrow. Judging slips are in each flower show schedule, remember there are two votes per household.
So hang up your baskets and dress up your scarecrow, we want your entries! Schedules have been delivered to each household, extra copies are available free from Henlade Post Office, or you can access the classes and entry forms on the village website www.ruishton.org.uk and remember to look at our Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/1283138038446496/ Would last year's cup winners please return cups (polished please!) to any committee member by Sunday 1st July. Mike Marshall (Chairman) 442294

Ruishton Village Day Saturday 21st July. Last minute bookings include a cake stall. We have been let down for our BBQ hotdogs+Burgers stall, is anyone able to do this lucrative stall, if so contact Roy Bulgin asap. Lots of new stalls so thanks to all who have come forward. I have seen most of our usual helpers but if you have been missed or would like to help come down please. Lots to see and do see page at end of newsletter for more details.Thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton and Paul of the Carpet Shed Ilminster. J Elston 442568, R Bulgin 442147.

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 21st July. Schedules now available from Hannah's Hairlines Salon or from myself. Jjudges this year will be classes 1 to 4, BIS, RESV BIS. Best puppy. Our judge will be Professor Terry Desombre (BRANHEATH) and for Fun Classes 5-14 our second judge is Mrs Brenda Grant (DANNEBRIEL**).** We thank the Parish Council for allowing the dog show to take place on the recreation field, it is a special one day only that dogs are allowed on the field. All dogs should be kept on leads and any accidents are scooped and bagged. (Bags available from show tent). Thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairlines Salon, Ruishton also Craig at Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater, J Elston 442568.

CARDS are performing a Summer Show on Saturday 28th July see page 3 for more details.

Village Coffee Morning at Village Hall we are holding this on 18th August from 10.00 to 12.00 see page 6 for more details.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE September 2018 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Thursday 16th August 2018 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com NOTE NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST.

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, including a monthly meeting at Ruishton Village Hall. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club This month our novel was a thriller, 'Faithful Place' written by Tana French set in Dublin. Frank Mackey an undercover cop narrates the story. At the age of nineteen he and his girlfriend Rosie plan to run away to London, she fails to turn up at their rendezvous in 'Faithful Place'. Twenty years later her body is found, the past then returns to haunt the present. In this dark world of psychological crime Frank starts to re evaluate everything he believed in as he searches for her killer. This thriller had a gripping plot full of tension and atmosphere. It was a compelling read full of love, loss, memory and murder.
Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th July at 10.30am**. At that meeting we will be discussing the book 'Everything I Never Told You' by Celeste Ng. For further information phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

In stitches @ St "In stitches @ St George's" present **"A Celebration of Women".** It will be on display in Ruishton Church throughout July. Focusing on the achievements of women in Britain the group has used knitted figures to highlight and identify women who were "the first". The figures sit in a village setting and include some of Britain's remarkable but not necessarily well known women. Many will remember that Margaret Thatcher was the first women to become Prime Minister of Great Britain but how many are aware that the first women to become a British Cabinet Minister was born and grew up in Chard!

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

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On Saturday September 22nd at 7.30pm we have a Quiz Evening with Mike Marshall as our question master, so get yourself in gear for another entertaining evening.

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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RUISHTON GUIDING
If you wish to put your daughter's name on any of the waiting lists please contact:
Guides Cath Ellis (442398), Brownies Kay Allen (444426), Rainbows Cath Ellis (442398)

CARDS Summer Show will be held at Ruishton Village Hall on **Saturday 28th July at 7.30pm.** Tickets £10 each to include a ploughman's supper. Tickets available from 7th July from Joan on 01823 443330.
Our pantomime The Pied Piper won 2 awards and 4 nominations in this year's Cinderella Trophy competitions. This was a good result up against 27 other pantomimes.
Thankyou for your support.

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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is still a vacant seat on the Council. 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.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING 31.3.18

The Accounting Statement and the Governance Statement will be on the web site on 27 June to view and on the Notice Board at the Post Office

NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Any rights of inspection, objection and questioning of the auditor may be only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days. This period is from 28th June – 8 August. Any persons interested may inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. Please contact the Clerk or look on the web site for more details

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE INFORMATION 2018

Grass Cutting – Highway verges are cut to a minimum of one metre in width from the road side. Sight lines are also cut at road junctions and bends to ensure better visibility for road users and pedestrians. Each highway verge and junctions will be cut once during the season except A and B road junctions visibilities which will be cut twice.

Grass cutting programme is:

A & B roads (including visibility splays)	8 May – 1 June
C and unclassified roads	4 June – 27 July
A & B visibility splays only	Early/Mid-August

There is new web page www.travelsomerset.co.uk/grass-cutting that tells you what roads will be cut and gives the running order for the work per parish. You can also stay up to date with the highways team by following @TravelSomerset on Twitter.

Weed spraying – Under the Noxious Weed Act 1959, certain noxious weeds, including ragwort must be removed where they are reported as causing a nuisance to highway users and adjoining landowners. Other invasive species treated and controlled by the County Council are Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed. If you spot any noxious or invasive weeds growing on the highway network you can report them online: www.somerset.gov.uk/roads

Hedges – The majority of hedges bordering the highway are privately owned. Landowners and occupiers are responsible for the maintenance of their boundary, except between 1 March and 31 July (bird nesting season) to make sure their hedge, tree or shrub does not obstruct the highway user or lines of sight at junctions. Land owners must also remove any debris from the road surface to prevent nuisance and to stop it blocking surface water drainage systems.

VEHICLES PARKING ALONG BUSHY CROSS LANE OPPOSITE WOODLANDS DRIVE

It has been reported that cars are parked along Bushy Cross Lane where there are no restrictions not to do so but the cars that are parked opposite Woodlands Drive are causing visibility issues. The Council ask if you could think about other road users when parking your car in this area and anywhere else in the parish.

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018

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

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".

COFFEE MORNINGS

In response to the Neighbourhood plan survey we tried to give Villagers a chance to meet together one morning in June but were very disappointed with the response, but we thought lets try again. On a Saturday perhaps more people will be around– so we have selected a date in August, Saturday 18th. This is open to everyone in the Village and we would love to see you. We will be open from 10am to 12 noon. £2 for coffee and a slice of cake.



Also remember that every Tuesday during the school holidays the Coffee Stop that normally runs in the Church meeting room will be in the Village Hall. Children's activities will be available. This is for anyone in the village (or nearby villages) and you are all welcome, it runs from about 9.45 to about 11.45.

So two opportunities to get together with other villagers to chat about this and that and enjoy a coffee and a slice of cake. (Cold drinks and tea also available at both mornings).



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