RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

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The June **BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 8th**. 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).

The June **WHIST DRIVE** is on **June 22nd**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The **June Health Walks.** These will be on **Weds 1st** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and one on **Weds 15th** from Ruishton Village Hall car park. 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 .

Tap Dancing in the Village Hall on Mondays 8pm to 9pm. Adult beginners. Learn the basics of Tap Dancing whilst having fun and exercising. Phone Julie on 07977272681 or just turn up!

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB We meet twice a week at Ruishton Village Hall on a Tuesday evening between 7 - 9pm and Friday afternoon between 2 - 4pm with a social half time tea & coffee break. In addition to our weekly Carpet Bowls, on the first week of each month we play **Target Bowls** at the start of the main bowls meeting were the members take it in turn to aim three bowls each at a large plastic bullseye target placed at one end of the bowling carpet, and the member with the highest score from three bowls wins a bottle of wine. Our Friendly Club Welcomes New Members for further details contact: 01823 442876 Derek Garrett Chairman, or 01823442427 Mavis Skeggs Treasurer

Ruishton Produce Market. Thank you to everyone who came to our monthly market (the last Saturday of the month). Next month our plant stall will be outside with all your bedding and veg plants and hanging baskets hopefully the weather will be getting warmer so we can get them outside! We do have a Facebook page which has all the information about the market. Why not take a look at our photos and like our page the more people we can get to know about us the better. See you next month, Jane. Don't forget our next market is on **Saturday 28th May** and the following one will be on **Saturday 26h June at 10am.**

RUISHTON CHURCH SUMMER FAIR IN the garden of the Old Vicarage (in Village Hall if wet) on **Saturday June 4th 12 am to 2.30pm BBQ & Teas, Ice-Creams, Kids Games, Various Stalls, Bottle tombola, Books, Cakes, Plants, Raffle etc.** If you have any donations that need collecting contact Liz Harper 443369.

Flower Show – 16th July Scarecrows will be on show from Sunday 10th July until Friday 15th July for you to pick your favourite one. Maps will be pinned around the village showing the location of each scarecrow. Judging slips will be on a loose insert in each flower show schedule. This year's theme is "Fairy Tales"; make it a Scarecrow Trail to remember. Last year the winning Scarecrows were chosen by parishioners, votes were limited to one per household but such was the quality of the entries that more than one friendly argument was generated as to which scarecrow warranted that single vote! So this year there will be TWO votes for each household! Remember the Hanging Basket competition will take place on the Sunday before the show (judging on Sunday 10th July) so plant up those baskets now!
Kijlstra Precast has again kindly agreed to sponsor the show providing help towards the cost of the printing of the Schedules which will shortly be distributed free to each household. You will find plenty of classes in the Show that you can enter even if you aren't a gardener- handicrafts, baking (even two classes for men only!), photography, flower arranging, wine & drinks etc plus classes for children. Raffle tickets are also now available from committee members Would last year's cup winners please return cups to any committee member by Sunday 26th June (polished would be appreciated!) Mike Marshall (Chairman) 442294

Village Day and Dog Show 16th July see page 6.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE JULY 2016 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Wednesday 15th June 2016, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on **Monday 13th June at 2.30pm** at Anne'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 16th June**. For more information contact Sally (442733).

RUISHTON BOOK CLUB Whilst the more squeamish of us found sections of Sharpe's Tiger by Bernard Cornwell difficult to read, most of us overcame this and found the story to be exciting and a good read. Our discussion was lively covering the plot and the characters and also military life over the last 2 centuries and the British Empire. Our current book is The Last Waltz by Anne Enright. Please phone Viv Streeter (01823 443103) if you would like a copy of the book and to join us on **8th June at 10.30**.

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle meet in the committee room at the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday . For further information please contact Peter on 251110 or Jean on 256265.

Ruishton Coffee Stop meets every Tuesdays between 9.45 and 11.15 in the Church meeting room, come along and join us for 10 minutes or 90 minutes all are welcome. Phone Liz 443369 if you want more details.

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RUISHTON GUIDING
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Old Vicarage, Ruishton Garden Opening – 5-6 June 2016.

On Sunday 5th and Monday 6th June from 2-5pm daily the Old Vicarage, Ruishton will open its gardens for the first time as part of the National Garden Scheme. The Old Vicarage garden is described by the owners, Andrew and Xanthe Lukes, as a 'garden in progress'. Although there are some lovely plants remaining from the established well-loved garden still to be found, much has been designed and laid out in the last 4 years and the true character of the garden is still emerging.Everyone is most welcome to come and visit. Entry is from 2-4.30pm daily and the gates close at 5pm. The entry fee is £3 and children are free. Proceeds go to the NGS charities. St George's Church volunteers will be laying on tea and cake at the church meeting room.

In stitches @ St George's will next meet from 10 – 12 am on Friday 10th June, in the Ruishton Church meeting room. If you enjoy knitting and crotchet or would like to learn how, then we would love to see you.. Muriel Coles 443019





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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Assembly was held held on 21st April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. In attendance this year were representatives from Somerset Highways, Somerset County Council and the Environment Agency mainly to report on flooding issues in the parish. The Meeting found this information very valuable and useful as we received the latest information on issues in the parish and what the different Agencies can and cannot do.

MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Doug Lowe was re-elected as Chairman, and Cllr Mike Marshall was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Other Councillors were appointed specific areas of responsibility which can be seen on the Council's website.

SOMERSET HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

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	16 May – 10 June
C and unclassified roads	13 June – 5 August
A & B visibility splays only	Mid to late August

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.
Hedges – The majority of hedges bordering the highway are privately owned. Landowners and occupiers are responsible for the maintenance of their boundary to make sure their hedge, tree or shrub does not obstruct the highway user or lines of sight at junctions. When hedges or other vegetation overhangs the highway, pedestrians can injure themselves from the impact with the vegetation and alternatively, pedestrians can be forced towards the carriageway, which can result in an increased risk of an accident. Land owners must also remove any debris from the road surface to prevent nuisance and to stop it blocking surface water drainage systems. However please note that the bird nesting season is between 1 March and 31 July.
Parking on pavement and verges – The Parish Council would like to add that vehicles inconsiderately parked with one side on the pavement or verge can force pedestrians, especially with pushchairs or disabled buggy users, towards the carriageway, which can result in an increased risk of an accident. It has been reported to the Council that vehicles have been parking on the pavement at Lawn Meadow

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH

It has come to the Council's attention that walkers, especially dog walkers, are straying from the dedicated Public Rights of Way and are actually trespassing in farmer's fields. Farmers are concerned as in this present climate of TB, that TB could be spread to livestock, also the possibility of gates are not fastened securely. There are Public Rights of Way maps for Ruishton & Thornfalcon posted on the notice board in Ruishton at the bus stop by Dinhams car-park and on the notice board at the Post Office.

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016

1.6.16 6.7.16 3.8.167.9.16 5.10.16 2.11.16 7.12.16

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.com.
Parish Clerk: Mrs Heather Bryant, Northay House, Northay, Chard. TA20 3DN. Tel: 01460 234770. Email: ruishtonpc@gmail.com

Ruishton Village Day 16th July 2016
All last years holders have now been contacted. If I have missed you please ring me, very few places are left now and we have a few new surprise stalls, which will be announced in next month's newsletter when they have confirmed. Everyone who helped us last year please come again this year as we need as much help as possible, even if only for an hour or so. Our thanks to Ruishton Parish Council for their help towards Village Day, and we hope to leave the field cleaner than we find it, so please take home your rubbish, that helps us a lot. Special thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin, Ruishton and The Carpet Shed, Ilminster. John Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 16th July 2016 Dog show schedules are available to collect from me or you can get one from 1pm on the day. Our judge this year will be Jenny Sweet (JENTERISE). Thanks to Diane Swales and the Taunton and District Canine Association for their valuable help on the day. Please not our thanks to Puishton Parish Council for allowing the dogs into the recreation field for this one day of the year. Please keep all your pets on a lead at all times, and pick up when necessary, bags and bins are always provided. Many thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairlines Salon Ruishton and Craig of Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater. J Elston 442568, Diane Swales 01458251614

BUS TIMES ON THE A358 .
For those of you who catch buses on the main A358 the bus times have changed. The Webber buses are no longer trading but First are now running a 55 bus service to Wells. The times of the 54 and 55 are given below:
The 54 leaves Henlade going to Taunton every hour at 8.00, then at 8 minutes pass the hour from 10.08 to 20.08.
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The 54 leaves Taunton at 6.14am then every hour at 14 minutes past the hour until 18.14 it gets to Henlade at 6.28 and every hour at 28 minutes past the hour. These buses go onto Yeovil.
The 55 leaves Taunton at 6.44am then every hour at 44 minutes past the hour until 17.44 it gets to Henlade at 6.58 and every hour at 58 minutes past the hour. These buses go onto Wells.
None of these buses now goes up to the hospital. You need to change at the bus station onto a no. 9

News from the Nags Head:
I just wanted to Introduce myself as being the New Manager at the Nags Head Tavern my name is Alison and I'm looking forward to meeting lots of local people for a drink, I have recently introduced Theme Nights, Monday is Curry Night, Tuesday is Fish and Chips Night and Wednesday is Sausage and Mash Night all food is £6.95 per person, I have also introduced live Music once a Month with James Pow playing Quiatar and Vocal on June 10th ,we are also having live Music on the 2nd July with The Old Skool Band, and then our yearly Summer Beer Festival is on the 12th &13th of August all free Entry.

