RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW February

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

The **March Health Walks.** will be on **Weds 1st March** 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 .

Our next **VILLAGE HALL QUIZ** will be on **Saturday March 11th at 7.30pm** so start getting those brains in gear ready for Mike Marshall who is our quiz master. Mike is great at entertaining us with unexpected topics so come and find out what he has up his sleeve for us this time. £2 per person, tables of 4.

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB Congratulations to our Annual Singles Competition Club Winners, & Runners Up. We had a very high attendance this year, and some very close matches. Trophies will be presented at our AGM in April. **Ladies Singles Winner:** Pat Gosling, **Runner up** Christine Ashurst. **Mens Singles Winner:** Ray Broomfield, **Runner up** Fred Straughan. Our next club competition for MIXED DOUBLES will be on Sat 11th March 2017.We meet at Ruishton Village Hall, on Friday Afternoons 2pm - 4pm. (We are still unable to take more members on Fridays at present as we are once again at full capacity on all 3 mats.) However New Members are still very welcome to join when we meet, and play on Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm. For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs 01823 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 01823 442876 (Chairman)

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 Flower Show – 15th July Planning for this year's Flower Show is well underway and the new subjects for the Photography classes are "Garden Visitors" and "Movement". Plus exciting new classes have been introduced which will be announced in future Newsletters. We are running the popular 'Potato in a bucket class again, and this year we have a supply of early cropping seed potatoes – or you can grow your own variety. Seed potatoes can be obtained from Lilian or Mike (13 Lawn Meadow) 10p each, this also covers your entry fee.
Plus we are holding a Flower Show event at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th March at Ruishton Village Hall. See the back page of the newsletter for further details. Everyone welcome, free entry. *M Marshall (Chairman)*

Ruishton Village Day 15th July 2017. We are in our 35th year and bookings for stalls have already started to come in., so if you are thinking of having a stall this year think about booking your space early. All last years stall holders will be contacted automatically around May time, and invited again for July 2017. Anyone with any ideas for this years Village Day please let me know together with a contact number. To all our helpers on the day, no matter how long you can spare, please put in in your diaries now and come down and help us, we need you. A special thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton, and Paul of the Carpet Shed Ilminster. J Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 15th July 2017. Success the Taunton and District Canine Association are willing to help us again this year, thanks to Diane Swales and Friends for their help. Our judge for this years dog show will be Lilian Belazley (Cinnonie), whom we thank.
Special thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairline Salon Ruishton and Craig of Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater. J Elaston 442568, Diane Swales 01458 251614

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE April 2017 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Thursday 16th March 2017 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on on **Monday 13th March 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 March**. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed Katarina Bivald's first published novel 'The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend'. The book is about Sara, a twenty eight year old woman who is obsessed with books preferring to immerse herself in them rather than face life and reality. Sara travels from Sweden to Broken Wheel in Iowa and finds herself trying to regenerate the community spirit of a dilapidated town by opening a book store. Most people felt it was a gentle read, pleasant and quirky with a predictably happy ending.
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March at 10.30am. We will be talking about 'Solo'(a James Bond novel) written by William Boyd. If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

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. take advantage this service.

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In Stitches @ St Georges now have several interesting projects to work on . We will be meeting on Friday **March 10th** between 10 – 12 noon in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. New members are always welcome, with help and advise available to novices. M Coles 443019





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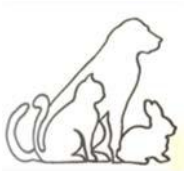
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

CONSULTATION ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER

The Council along with Stoke St Mary had been invited to a briefing on the informal consultation exercise regarding the M5 J25 Employment Site in advance of a public drop-in session which marks the beginning of the four-week consultation. The Council welcomes the advanced briefing but would question why it is only a four-week consultation period when normally consultations are six-weeks. The drop-in session is on Wednesday, 1st March, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Deane Gate, between 4pm – 8pm. Unfortunately, it is possible that you may not have read this newsletter until after the 1st March. The Council hopes that Taunton Deane Borough Council will extensively advertise this event well in advance of this date

FLOODING

The Chairman and Cllr Marshall met with representatives from Wessex Water, Somerset County Council, Environment Agency, Taunton Deane Borough Council, Internal Drainage Board and Ruishton & Thornfalcon Flood Group. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the problems this parish has with flooding especially after the problems caused by 'Storm Angus' highlighted by the Flood Group and a follow up from the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2016 where flooding was the main topic and the above agencies were present.

Village Pump

The red light on the pump no longer means that the pump is not working, it now indicates that the pump is working at full capacity. Taunton Deane Borough Council will update the information plate on the village pump's cabinet. TDBC will also replace the outflow valve as it is not working and consequently when the water level in the ditch that it discharges into reaches it, water is being sucked back into the pump.
It was reported that someone is throwing dog waste bags into the gully grating nearest to Overlands on Cheats Road which causes problems for the village pump.

Dedicated mobile pump for this parish

SCC and TDBC do not have mobile pumps available. Environment Agency pumps are deployed to deal with flooding from rivers not surface water. The Council will look into having a dedicated pump for this parish and will look into funding from Community Resilience in Somerset Project (CRISP) and the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA). However, there will be a problem of where the mobile pump would be stored and ongoing maintenance.

Ring Bank

Environment Agency had surveyed part of the Ring Bank in Dec. 2016. A report will be sent to the Council to provide the latest ring bank crest heights.

Wessex Water drains and pump

It was reported that WW Storm Pump at the end of Goosey Lane ran twice during Storm Angus. Wessex Water will provide pump's sump levels during this period to the Council. It was observed and a video record that there was surging in the centre of the village during this period.
CCTV after Storm Angus has shown that there was debris that needed clearing from pipework near Dinhams Farmhouse. Wessex Water will programme in the jetting.
Wessex Water have an Infiltration Reduction Plan in place for Ruishton which includes CCTV surveying to identify ground water ingress. This has identified 12 sewer sealing lengths (which includes 4 lengths that feed into the manholes in Cheats Road in the car sales area) The work will be carried out during the period between April-August 2017 but yet to be programmed.

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017

1.3.17	5.4.17	3.5.17	7.6.17	5.7.17	2.8.17
6.9.17	4.10.17	1.11.17	6.12.17		

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

It's Time To Have Your Say

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Neighbourhood Plan Household Questionnaire
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It doesn't matter whether you have just arrived, were born here, or something in between, your thoughts are needed and count.
All households in Henlade, Ruishton & Thornfalcon will have received a questionnaire through the post. 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.
You can complete your questionnaire and post it back, or complete it online by clicking the link on our Ruishton.org.uk website. You can also download extra copies.

It's Time To Have Your Say!

Ruishton Flower Show
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