RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER MAY 2018

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW April

£25 No 68 Helen Day Hitchin
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The **May BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 9th.** Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now to £60. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The **May WHIST** drive is on **Wednesday 23rd** at 7.30pm.

THE **MAY HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 2nd** 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 16th 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 Friday Afternoons 2pm - 4pm and Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm.
Congratulations to our Annual Singles Competition Club Winners, & Runners Up,
Singles Winner: (Ladies) Mavis Skeggs, & Runner Up: Pat Gosling
Singles Winner: (Mens) Chris Blackmore. & Runner Up: Derek Garrett
Trophies will be presented at our AGM in May. For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs 01823 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 01823 442876 (Chairman)

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

THE SUMMER WILL SOON BE HERE AND SO WILL THE FLOWER SHOW!
RUISHTON FLOWER SHOW – 21st JULY This year we have once again added new classes. In the Handicraft Section we have a new class for Papercraft – to include e.g. quilling, origami, decoupage, using paper/card. The new subjects for photography are “Seasons” and “Emotions” and the classes in the Floral Art section have been based around the theme of “The World Cup”. There are more new classes in the Children’s Section including: “A Selfie” – (may include image enhancement, printed size 6”x4”); An edible necklace made from breakfast cereal; A miniature garden on a plate; While the theme for the Lego class is “Heroes and Villains”. Plus we have introduced a special class for the “longest carrot grown in a Wellie”! A reminder that “Cartoon Characters” is the theme for the annual Scarecrow Trail around the Parish which will run from Sunday 15th July to Friday 20th July. And of course we are running the Hanging Basket competition (judging on Sunday 15th July) and remember the hanging baskets do not need to have been planted up by yourselves only to have been in your possession for not less than 2 months at the date of the Show. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1283138038446496/ Mike Marshall (Chairman) 01823 442294

Ruishton Village Day Saturday 21st July. As well as our already booked stalls we have space left for any one wanting to display and sell crats of any description. Give us a ring to find out more. Last year’s stall holders will be contacted shortly. 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. As a special we have 2 judges for pedigree classes 1 to 4, BIS, RESV BIS and puppy. Our judge will be Professor Terry Desombre (BRANHEATH) and for Fun Classes 5-14 our second judge is Mrs Brenda Grant (DANNEBRIEL**).** Once again thanks to Taunton and District Canine Association for organizing this years dog show. Also thanks to our sponsors Hannah’s Hairlines Salon, Ruishton also Craig at Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater, J Elson 442568.

THE CHIHOLM TRAIL. Live at the Ruishton Inn (Well all but one). **A MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT** on Saturday 12th May at 7pm. An evening of entertainment including a 3 course meal. To book a table phone Caroline on 442285.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2018 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Thursday 17th May 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 17th May** , at Ruishton Village Hall. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club 'The Hare with Amber Eyes', is a family memoir written by British ceramicist Edmund de Waal. The Ephrussi family were once a very wealthy European Jewish banking dynasty. Almost everything they owned was lost in 1938 and even after the Second World War the family failed to recover most of it's property. An easily hidden collection of 264 Japanese netsuke (miniature sculptures) was saved and now has passed down through five generations. This book went from a ponderous script that lost focus (a difficult read), to a moving sobering tale of family history in the Second World War.
Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th May at 10.30am.** We will be discussing the book 'Faithful Place' by Tana French.
For further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

In stitches @ St George's will next meet on **Friday 11th May 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

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

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

Ruishton and Creech Brownies urgently need additional adult help with their thriving Unit. 2 of their current Guiders are having to reduce the amount of help they can give. You would be welcome to visit us at Brownies one Friday night to see what we do. If you think you would like to help, Please contact Kay for further details.

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)

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Eclipse Carnival Club are holding a cash bingo at the Nags Head Tavern Thornfalcon
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A raffle will be held with some fantastic prizes.
All funds raised will go towards helping us build our entry for this years carnival entry.

Charlene Lock
Eclipse CC Fundraising Committee

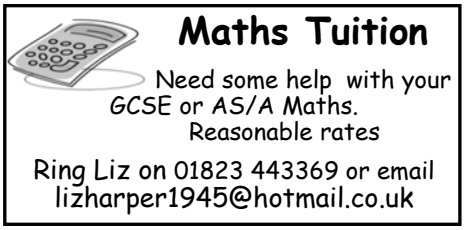
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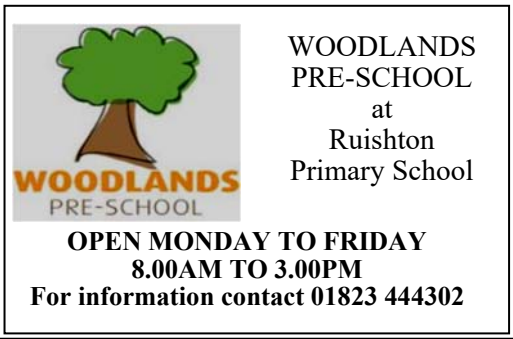
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

At the last Parish Council meeting, the Council held a minute's silence for Mary Growtage who has recently died. Mary was a former Clerk to the Council for over 40 years and retired in 2014. Mary won a Somerset County Council award in 2014 for outstanding service to the Community

NEW COUNCILLOR AND A COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Council co-opted and welcomed Mr Damon Laws as a councillor for Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Damon for putting his name forward and he hoped that he will find his time on the Council to be rewarding and worthwhile.
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.

TREE ALONG LAWN MEADOW

The Council has now decided to plant a flowering cherry tree in Lawn Meadow to replace a crab apple tree that was deliberately destroyed last year.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on **10th May 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The purpose of the Assembly is to enable the registered electors to discuss parish affairs. The meeting is also an opportunity for the Parish Council to report on the activities over the last year. An elector may ask questions, comments on parish issues and propose and vote on resolutions.
Unfortunately, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, is not free on that night but she is willing to attend a Council meeting on a suitable date. However, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will give a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan Visions and Objectives that have emerged as a result of the recent Household Survey and, in light of the recent bad weather, the Council will be asking for your views on an agenda item 'Emergency Planning'

HANDYMAN

The Parish Council is looking for a self-employed Handyman to carry out small jobs in the parish like repairs and there may be some concreting. If you are interested, please can you e-mail: ruishtonpc@gmail.com with your 'expression of interest'.

ROAD SAFETY

County Councillor John Thorne attended a workshop in County Hall on road safety where it was reported that the most recent statistics were not available, but there are fewer accidents and fewer casualties on our roads now than ever before. Nevertheless, the road safety team want to target older motorists (defined as 60+) because they are a significant proportion of the casualties which do occur. They are offering to visit communities and hold a free session and bring along their simulator.
So, if anyone is interested, it can be arranged. At least 12 people must attend and will last for two or three hours at most with free tea and biscuits. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018

2.5.18, 6.6.18, 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

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".

What do you need?



Where would you like future footpaths and cycle paths across the parish?
Where is it most unsafe for you to walk/cycle?
If there is development within our parish, how would you like to see footpaths/cycle paths built in to this?
What green space would you like to see protected?

Come and tell us from 6pm – 7pm on Thursday 10th May 2018 at our informal drop-in at the Village Hall.

Have we heard you right?

Come and tell us if we have got the Vision and Objectives for the Parish (Ruishton, Henlade and Thornfalcon) for the next 20 years right.
We listened to what you told us in the Household, School Children, Business and Employment. and Housing Needs Surveys and at Village Days – did we hear it correctly?
We need your feedback before we can take this further.

You are also invited to stay for a presentation and discussion on the Vision and Objectives at the start of the Parish Meeting, at 7pm, so that we can gain further views on these.

If you would like to find out more about your Parish Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website www.ruishton.org.uk.

Somerset Anne Frank Awards: Somerwest Lottery.

The Somerset Anne Frank Awards (SAFA) honour the great personal and community-based achievements of young people in Somerset.
Inspired by the life and diary of Anne Frank herself, the awards celebrate religious and racial tolerance and democracy.
For example:

- Actively opposing discrimination, bullying and prejudice
- Supporting and caring for others in need
- Working within conflict resolution and social inclusion

We are raising money to stage a London based “Anne Frank and You” exhibition at the Brewhouse this Autumn. Your support will help us to reach our goals as well as improving the lives of local people. For each £1 ticket, our cause will receive 50p back and a further 10p will go to other local causes. Please help us by visiting www.somerwestlottery.co.uk and search for **Anne Frank**. For more information about our great awards and creative writing competition, visit www.somersetannefrankawards.co.uk .

Jenny Harding.