RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW October

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£10 No 48 Mrs J Hopwood 21 Newlands Rd
£5 No 186 K Gridley 24 Newlands Rd

The VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW tickets are renewable by 1st December 2017 at a cost of £5.00 yearly. All existing ticket holders will be invited to renew, anyone else wishing to purchase a ticket (there are always a few spares) should contact Norma Hemburrow on 442040

The **November BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 8th.** Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm.The SNOWBALL is £40. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

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

THE **NOVEMBER HEALTH WALKS.** will be on **Weds 1st November** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and on **Wednesday 15th November at 10.30 am** from Ruishton Village Hall, there is the option of a lunch at the Ruishton Inn afterwards, no need to book in advance. 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 .

Flower Show AGM The committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's show such a success – the helpers, the advertisers & sponsors, the judges, and of course all those who entered the show. If you are interested in the Flower Show, please come along to the AGM. This will be held at the Village Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday 21st November at 7.15pm. Everyone welcome. Mike Marshall, Chairman Flower Show

Ruishton Village Day 15th July 2017 We would like to thank all this years helpers, it was nice to see some new faces, hope to see you all next year. Put the date in your diaries it will be on Saturday 21st July 2018. We were let down at the last minute with some stalls, some let me know but one or two just did not turn up. Very disappointing. Can we ask all Village and any other organisations to please try and organise something for next year, we know it's a problem with volunteers but we need you. Any ideas always welcome. A big thank you to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton also Paul at the Carpet Shed, Ilminster. J Elston 442568

Companion Dog Show 15th July 2017 Our thanks to Diane Swales and her team from Taunton and District Canine Society. A very successful dog show again. We are hoping they will run next years show, which will be on Saturday 21st July. Many thanks to the judge, and all her helpers, also a big thank you to our sponsors Hannah's Hairlines Salon, Ruishton also Craig from Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater.

Jumble Sale Many thanks who helped at our recent jumble sale, and to all who gave us things to sell. We made nearly £600 for the Village Hall which helps towards the maintenance of the building. Our next jumble sale is January 27th 2018, if you have any jumble Liz Harper will collect it any time after Christmas or you can bring it round to 20 Newlands Rd (but not 'til after Christmas).

Wine Circle The speaker at next meeting would be an ex member of the Metropolitan Police and magistrate on his views on "Justice". This will be at Ruishton Village Hall at 7.30 on Tuesday 14th November. Any interested in the talk or winemaking in general are invited to contact the circle secretary on 01823 256265

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE November 2017 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Wednesday16th November 2017 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 from 2-4 on **Thursday 16th November**.. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club Our Book this month was 'According to Queeney' by Beryl Bainbridge. This story tells of Samuel Johnson's relationship with the family of Henry Thrale and in particular his wife Hester during the last twenty years of his life. Bainbridge wrote about the frailties and absurdities of a group of people in Georgian Society. It was a complicated and often confusing book to read however the intricate relationships between the characters was interesting and at times bordering on the farcical.
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday the 8th of November at 10.30 am, when we will be discussing our next book, 'Conclave' by Robert Harris. If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

In stitches @ St George's will meet this month on **Friday 10th November** between 10am and 12noon in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. Newcomers are always welcome and anyone who enjoys knitting or crochet should just come along.
The "Noah's Ark" story sack is now almost complete and will soon be given to Ruishton Church.
Sonia Tucker (443153)

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

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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.
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Ruishton Church is holding their **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** in the Village Hall on **December 2nd 11am to 2.00pm.** Light lunches will be available (no need to book). Children's activities will be available.

Ruishton Primary School is holding their **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** at Woodlands Castle on **Thursday 7 December at 17.30.**

The Village Hall will be holding their annual '**Carols around the Christmas Tree'** on **Friday December 22nd**, if you are interested in taking part please ring Stewart on 442115 or Liz on 443369

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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELDS SUPPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION

The background to this is that the original consultation asked people views in relation to their proposals to the upgrade of the A358. To help the analysis of the consultation responses, Highways England split the proposal into two sections. Section 1 was the improvement from the M5 to a proposed junction (junction B) in the vicinity of West Hatch Lane. Section 2 covered the improvement from the proposed junction B in the vicinity of West Hatch Lane to Southfields Roundabout. Highway England has proposed a supplementary consultation with regard to Section 1 with more options as only one option was offered in the original consultation.

The supplementary consultation will be launched and completed this calendar year and will be supported by a series of public exhibitions. One public exhibition will be held on Wednesday 15 November between 4pm and 7pm in Ruishton Village Hall. After the public exhibition at around 7pm, Highway England will stay for a special meeting of the Parish Council where they will present the options and answer any questions from the public.

Please make a note of the public exhibition and presentation in your diary and do make the effort to come along, as the route options could affect the parish or residents individually.

NEXUS 25 LDO TRANSPORT APPRAISAL REPORT AND NEXUS 25 FRAMEWORK TRAVEL PLAN

The Parish Council has been asking for these reports since August as the Council considered that these reports should have been made available during the consultation period for Nexus 25 which ended 30.8.17
Now, at long last, Taunton Deane Borough Council has these reports available to view on the website:
http://consultldf.tauntondeane.gov.uk/portal/j25/ldo

PARK AND RIDE

The latest news on the closure of the Park & Ride on Saturdays is that the Park & Ride will continue to operate on Saturdays until after Christ at least. From there on, Somerset County Council will be exploring ways to continue the service into the future and will be talking to Taunton Deane Borough Council about any possible funding

DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council has applied for a grant from Somerset Community Foundation. If awarded, the grant will only fund part of the defibrillator costs and the Council will raise further funds from the precept and donations. The defibrillator will be purchased from Heartstart and positioned at the Village Hall. In with the price, Heartstart offer free training of up to 16 people, so if you are interested in training to use the defibrillator, please contact the Clerk

OVERGROWN VEGETATION

Somerset Highways undertakes highway management throughout the County. One of their duties is to maintain highways as a safe environment for all road users. When hedges tree or shrub 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. Responsibility for cutting back vegetation lies with the landowners or occupiers of their boundary fronting the highway. The Parish Council's responsibility is to report such matters to Somerset Highways.
Please can you check if any of your boundaries with the highway has offending growth and, if it

has, make arrangements to remove any overgrown vegetation Land owners must also remove any debris from the road surface to prevent nuisance and to stop it blocking surface water drainage systems.

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 17/18

1.11.17 6.12.17 3.1.18 7.2.18 7.3.18 4.4.18 2.5.18

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



Volunteer to protect the countryside

13 October 2017 · by D Porter

Countryside lovers are being invited to step forward and help protect and maintain Somerset's public rights of way which is in excess of 6000km (3,728 miles) through the 'Adopt a Path' scheme.

Walkers, cyclists and horse riders can help support Somerset County Council's Rights of Way team when they are out and about on their favourite Public Footpaths, Public Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT).

Volunteers are invited to 'Adopt a Path' to report back any issues such as overgrown stiles or gates, missing or overgrown signposts or waymarks and overgrown vegetation. Most importantly these volunteers assist a step further by helping to keep pinch points, signs, stiles and gates vegetation free.

In return, Somerset County Council will provide help and advice, cover under their insurance policy, and can provide secateurs and gloves to help volunteers maintain paths in tip top condition for all to enjoy.

Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor David Hall, said: "A huge thank you to the many volunteers who already Adopt a Path throughout Somerset. The paths available for adoption cross the open hills on the Mendips, Quantocks and Blackdowns and the lowlands on the Somerset Levels, through woodlands and along beaches providing a wide range of views and experiences – some of the most beautiful parts of Somerset.

"Applying to Adopt a Path couldn't be easier. Apply online or contact us direct and we can then discuss which area or parish you'd like to adopt within.

The scheme is open to everyone, with under 18s welcome to participate along with a parent or guardian.

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