RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW October
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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
BINGO will be on **Wednesday 14th November** . 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 WHIST drive will be on **Wednesday 28th November** at 7.30pm.

Our next **JUMBLE SALE is on Saturday 10th November at 12 noon.**
The September jumble made nearly £400, many thanks to all those who donated goods, also a big thankyou to all our helpers, a lot of work is put in setting up, sorting, packing away at the end and sorting and disposing of the remains, some stuff goes to other charities, some goes to cash for clothes, some goes for recycling and some has to go to the tip. Thanks also to our customers we look forward to seeing you all again in November.

THE **NOVEMBER HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 7th** 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 21st also at 10.30**. This will be the last walk this year and we could end with lunch at the Ruishton Inn if you wished. Walks will resume in February. 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. It's always nice to welcome new members to our friendly community club. So if your not sure if it suits you, just turn up at a session start time, and give it a try. There is a small guest fee of £2 per session, and all equipment is supplied. For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs (Treasurer) 01823 442427 or Derek Garrett (Chairman) 01823 442876.

FLOWER SHOW The Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this year's Show such a success; those who helped with the preparation - schedule distribution, raffle, posters, setting up etc, and those who helped on the day and of course most importantly those who entered the Show.
See the village website www.ruishton.org.uk for the Show report and details of the winners in every class plus photos from this year's Scarecrow Trail. More photos can be found on the Ruishton Flower Show Facebook page. 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 20th November at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

RUISHTON VILLAGE DAY 2018 Thanks to all who helped us on Village Day setting up in the morning and clearing up afterwards. Thanks to all the stall holders and everyone who supported us by coming down. Next year's Village day will be on July 20th. We were sad to hear that Margaret Gudge passed away in July she had been a great supporter of the day from the beginning, selling plants and always with a ready smile for all, we will miss her. We have raised a surplus of money this year and have decided to donate a seat to be positioned outside Dinhams at the bus stop. Last years surplus went towards the defibrillator which should be installed soon (see Parish Council report). Special thanks to our sponsors: Roy Bulgin Ruishton and Paul at The Carpet Shed Ilminster. J Elston 442568.

COMPANION DOG SHOW 2018. Our thanks to Taunton & District Canine Association who organised the dog show, and thanks to both judges, a good day was had by all. Diane Swales is keen to help us next year (20th July 2019). Special thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairlines Salon Ruishton also Craig at Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater. J Elston 442568.

For all bookings and enquiries regarding the Village Hall, please contact Chris on 07958574905
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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 Lydia (444982)

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 In 1941 Irene Nemirovsky started writing about the fate of her adopted country as the Nazi invasion of France began. She tried to convey to her readers what she was living through by evoking the domestic lives and personal trials of ordinary French Citizens. Irene Nemirovsky died in Auschwitz in 1942 but sixty five years later 'Suite Francaise' was published for the first time.
This was not an easy book to read, at times it was hard to remember and place all the characters that appeared especially in the first half of the book. We felt it was worth persevering because of the gift Irene Nemirovsky had for observing and recording what she saw. She had a talent for portraying complicated human behaviour and character. Her descriptions of both people and landscape were intricate and lyrical. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th November at 10.30 am.** We will be discussing 'The Girl who Saved the King of Sweden' by Jonas Jonasson. For further information phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

WINE CIRCLE *13th November 7.30 in Ruishton Village Hall would be a French evening with a member speaking on French wines of his choosing, samples of French cuisine provided by members and a short talk on "The French way of Life" by a native of that country.*

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"In Stitches @ St Georges" have made a cross of poppies in tribute to those men and women of the military services who have given their lives in the defence of this country. It will be in Ruishton Church from Saturday 10th November until Saturday 17th November and we invite people to call in and see it. The group will next meet on **Friday November 9th** in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room between 10 and 12 noon. If you enjoy knitting or crotchet and would like to join us please just come along. Muriel Coles 443019

MacMillan Coffee Morning Christine and Bob would like to thank all those that supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning on the 28th September. £165 was raised and a remaining cake was sold on the school run that afternoon raising a further £15.

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 AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Unfortunately, Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner cannot attend the Parish Council meeting on 7th November meeting as previously advertised. Her visit has now been arranged for the Parish Council meeting on 6th March 2018. The Council apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

TARMAC – LIAISON GROUP

As mentioned in October's newsletter, the Tarmac and the Parish Council would like to re-establish the Liaison Group which previously worked well and created a good relationship between Tarmac and local residents. The Council would like to invite residents as members of the Group especially those who live in the Gravelands area. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 11th November at 6.00pm at the Tarmac Site. It is envisaged that after the initial meeting, follow on meetings will be held every three months.
If you are interested in being a member, please contact the Clerk of the Council.

FINGERPOSTS

Somerset County Council are responsible for the historic and iconic fingerposts found in the county but if the arms get broken or they need painting; they will just replace them with modern and cheaper versions. Somerset County Council will allow Parish Councils to refurbish fingerposts paid for by their own funds, grants or donations.
At this present time, the Council is investigating the concept of a repair programme as refurbishment can be expensive. So as the first step, the Parish Council would like to set up a register of all the cast iron fingerposts in the parish noting their location and condition. Can you help by informing the Council of any fingerpost near you with a precise location? If you could supply a photo as well, that would be great.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Council would like to apologise again for the length of time it has taken to get the defibrillator installed. The unmetered supply has been sorted and now it is a matter of putting the pole, with the defibrillator in the ground, concreting it in, and connect it to the power supply. Tarmac has kindly offered to supply the concrete

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

Support for young people – County are appealing for people who would like to become advocates for children in care or those who need extra support, which involves speaking up for them and ensuring their voices are heard. It can be as simple as having a coffee and a chat from time to time. There is an intensive training course involved over five weeks. Voluntary role but expenses are paid. Full info available at www.route1advocacy.co.uk.

SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP - AEROSOL RECYCLING

Spent aerosols can be easily recycled at the kerbside. Simply place empty household aerosols in the black box. For safety, do not pierce or squash.
As aerosols are used all around the house, having a small recycling bin in the bathroom might help people remember to recycle things like deodorants and hair spray, as well as their cleaning products.
Around 60% of aerosols are made from tinplated steel and 40% are made from aluminium; both metals that are easily recyclable and deliver huge carbon savings if they are recycled. Last year all the aerosols collected were recycled in the UK, either in South Yorkshire or Cheshire.
During the recycling process, the plastics and rubber components are removed. It does cut down on contamination if you can remove caps and nozzles before recycling. For a video on recycling metals, visit Recycle Now - https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/aerosols-0

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

3.10.18, 7.11,18, 5.12.18. 2.1.19 6.2.19 6.3.19 3.4.19
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".

Wine Circle

This year the sugar levels in apples are at a record high level and cider makers will have to take care not to exceed 8.5% alcohol.

This was the part of the presentation which Master Cider Maker and Cider consultant, Bob Chaplin gave to Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle at their October Meeting, and he said this is the limit for cider with anything higher is classified as apple wine.

Bob has had over 20 years of cider making experience with some of the best known Somerset brands, and now acts as a consultant to cider makers and manages over 2,500 aces of cider orchards, . He said that this sugar level exceeded anything he had previously known

During his talk he explained that apple varieties varied in sugar, acid and tannin content and that he considered Dabinett the supreme variety to produce the bitter sweet cider which is that traditional in Somerset. Other areas, such as Kent, have made cider from dessert apples and produced a sweeter cider. This type is proving popular with the many consumers switching from lager to cider and sweeter varieties such as Katy were now being grown in this area.

The harvesting, washing and pressing of the apples to produce the juice for fermentation was explained to members with a power point presentation. Bob explained that the fermentation process was similar to wine making and cleanliness, moderate fermentation temperatures and the use of a good yeast being essential for quality cider.

Members then enjoyed samples of several different types of cider to conclude an enjoyable evening.

All were reminded that the next meeting on the 13th November would be a French evening with a member speaking on French wines of his choosing, samples of French cuisine provided by members and a short talk on "The French way of Life" by a native of that country. This will be at Ruishton Village Hall starting at 7.30



