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VILLAGE HALL AGM October 2nd at 7.30 pm in meeting room.

It is the time of year for the village Hall AGM and we are looking for new committee members, if you think you can spare the time to attend a meeting once a month (first Monday of the month at 7.30pm for about 1 to 1.5 hours) and be available to help with various jobs that come up, then we would love to see you on October 2nd. If you are interested in joining us but can't make the meeting or would like more details then ring Stewart Thorne (the chairman) on 01823 442115.

The **October BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 11th.** Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now back to £35. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The **October WHIST DRIVE** is on **Wednesday** 25th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

THE **OCTOBER HEALTH WALKS.** will be on **Weds 4th Oct** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and on **Wednesday 18th October 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 .

JUMBLE SALE Our next **VILLAGE HALL Jumble Sale** will be on **Saturday October 7th at 12 noon .** If you want any thing collected please contact Liz on 443369 or Norma on 442040. We do appreciate it if you are able to bring your stuff straight to the Village Hall either on Friday Oct 6th between 7.30pm and 8.30pm or on Saturday 7th Oct before 10.30am.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION
4PM - 7PM WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENTATION BY HIGHWAY ENGLAND, AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
7PM ONWARDS WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL

Wine Circle See page 3 for a report of the September meeting. More details are available from the 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 Monday 16th October 2017 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

Please note the editor (Liz Harper) has moved to 20 Newlands Road. If you want to leave jumble (in moderation) at this new address you may .

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 26thOctober**.. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club his month we read "A Long Long Way" by Sebastian Barry set during the Great War it tells the tale of young volunteer Private Willie Dunne who leaves Dublin to fight voluntarily for the Allies as a member of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He is caught between the warfare playing out on foreign fields (mainly at Flanders) and that festering at home, waiting to erupt with the Easter Rising. This book is unrelenting with its description of the daily horrors experienced by the soldiers fighting in the trenches. Although it does contain occasional poetic passages even they offer no relief from the brutal realism of the novel. The group agreed that there was one word to describe the account of Willie Dunne's life – grim.
We are meeting again on **Wednesday 11th October at 10.30 a**m to talk about our next book "According To Queeney." by Beryl Bainbridge. If you would like further information about or Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589

In stitches @ St George's will meet this month on **Friday 14th October** 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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USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Report on meeting of Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle Sept 17

Asking the question of "where did I go wrong?" is best addressed to someone who can provide the answer. Wine makers, of Taunton Amateur Winemakers, who entered the Wine Show held at the Taunton Flower Show were able to address this question to John Smith, one of the team qualified wine judges who sorted the excellent from the 'also rans' this year, when he spoke at their September meeting

John explained how a National wine judge has to qualify with a training course and an exam aimed at enabling the judge to identify the qualities and faults in a wide range of wines. They also meet regularly to ensure consistency of standards is maintained. The first piece of advice given was to read the show schedule and ensure your entry was in the correct class. Presentation was assessed first and the care in bottling, colour and clarity represented 20% of the points awarded. The bouquet was said to be important as the taste buds are influenced by this. The flavour was assessed for vinous characteristics, fruitiness, acidity and body and a range of undesirable off flavours were also mentioned. All would agree on the importance of the flavour and this does account to 60% of a judge's score.

The competition at the Wine Show for visitors to place six wine samples in the order the judges had done was correctly answered by three persons. The winner was then drawn from those three and a Taunton resident, Keith Owen won the £50 prize.

The next meeting on the 10th of October would have, in addition to the members' discussion on winemaking, a talk on the defence line which ran from Axminster to Bridgwater Bay; running though Ruishton and Creech St Michael. Meetings are held in the Committee room of Ruishton Village Hall and guests are always welcomed.

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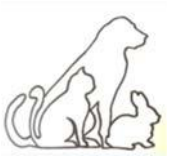
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Mr Maurice Murphey has resigned from the Council due to family commitments. The Parish Council wish him all the best for the future. This has resulted in a vacancy 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.

A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELDS SUPPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION

Just as we thought our 'consultation overload' was over for the time being, the Council has now been informed that Highways England will be undertaking a supplementary public consultation on the proposed A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme.

The original consultation which closed on 16 July asked people to share their views in relation to their proposals to upgrade 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.

Highways England stated that they have listened to the feedback received, and realise that more work is needed to find the right solution for section 1 as there has been some frustration that only one option for section 1 was taken to consultation They are addressing this by holding a supplementary consultation with more options. The supplementary consultation will be launched and completed this calendar year and will be supported by a series of public exhibitions.

Highways England are not proposing any further consultation on section 2 because they have received clear feedback on their proposal from the completed consultation.

Highways England have already agreed to come to a Parish Council meeting to present the further options on section 1 and answer any questions but at this stage the Parish Council does not know which meeting this will be (October, November, December) or it could be a special meeting. As soon as we have received confirmation, the Council will use its best endeavours to inform our parishioners. Please do make the effort to come to the along as the route options could affect the parish or residents individually.

DRAINAGE DITCH AT THE REAR OF PROPERTIES ALONG NEWLANDS GROVE

It has been reported to the Parish Council that some residents are obstructing the drainage ditch by dumping rubbish into it or filling it in. The Parish Council would like to make these residents aware that this drainage ditch is there for a purpose and during periods of heavy rainfall, the drainage ditch may not be able to carry out its function resulting in flooding of the properties.

PARK AND RIDE

The Parish Council is concerned to hear that Somerset County Council is proposing to close the Park & Ride on Saturdays to save £50,000. There were questions in regard to the Park & Ride in the recent Neighbourhood Survey and 45% of you wanted the Park & Ride open on Sundays and Bank Holidays, 25% of you wanted later opening times.

The Parish Council maintain that if Somerset County Council make the Park & Ride more inviting to possible users like a maintenance programme to clear the site of overgrown vegetation, install toilets and a covered waiting area it could attract more clients. Also, the facility could be signposted better. Somerset County Council should be encouraging people not to drive into Taunton and by stopping this service on Saturdays would have the opposite result.

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 17/18

4.10.17 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".

RECYCLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH

PRESS RELEASE

Somerset Waste Partnership

Mickey Green appointed Somerset Waste Partnership MD

Mickey Green has been appointed as the new managing director of Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) following a nationwide recruitment process.

At present Strategic Manager for Commissioning Development at Somerset County Council (SCC), Mickey will start work in early October.

He said: “This is a tremendous opportunity to build on SWP’s huge success so far. While our recycling rate of 52% is ahead of much of the UK, we are ambitious to go much further in enabling Somerset residents to reuse and recycle more and waste less.

“We have the opportunity to create a new generation of services that are practical, sustainable and great value for money.

“As well as developing new kerbside services taking extra materials for recycling and reducing rubbish collection frequency, SWP will soon be generating electricity from the increasingly small amount of waste that cannot be reused or recycled.

“Equally as importantly, we need to work in more innovative ways with partners, communities and the public to address the fact that, on average, half of what people put in their rubbish bin in Somerset could already be recycled at the kerbside.”

In various SCC roles, Mickey has led the creation of Devon and Somerset’s Joint Trading Standards Service, the South West Heritage Trust and Somerset’s successful superfast broadband bid.

As a long-term contributor to SWP’s strategic management group, Mickey has played an active role in recent developments, including the new energy-from-waste arrangements for Somerset’s rubbish.

Mickey previously worked at the Department for Communities and Local Government and qualified as a chartered accountant with leading professional services firm, KPMG.

He succeeds Steve Read, who departed at the end of May, after almost 10 years as SWP MD, to take up the post of Director of Energy, Waste and Environment at West Sussex County Council.

SWP is the executive arm of Somerset Waste Board (SWB), whose 12 member councillors are selected from the six Somerset councils that are the partner authorities.

SWB chairman Cllr Derek Yeomans said: “We were sorry to lose Steve but very happy that he secured an exciting new opportunity to make a mark in West Sussex.

“And we are extremely pleased to appoint Mickey Green, who offers an impressive combination of experience, skills and vision that will be essential for the task of transforming Somerset’s waste services in the coming years.”

With a £45 million a year budget and the services of contractors Kier and Viridor, SWP manages kerbside collections and recycling sites for Somerset’s 550,000 residents in 250,000 households.

Operating since October 2007, SWP today deals with more than 260,000 tonnes of recycling and rubbish each year.