RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW September
£25 153 Mrs J White
£10 69 Mr E Marlborough
£5 107 Mrs K Docking

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL AGM is on Monday October 1st at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall meeting room. We are looking for new members to join our team particularly from organisations that use the hall. If you feel able to help in any way we would love to see you, we meet once a month on the first Monday of the month and meetings usually last less than an hour and a half. If you would like more information then do not hesitate to talk to any committee member or contact Stewart Thorne the chairman on 442115.

BINGO will be on **Wednesday 10th October** . Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now £40. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The WHIST drive will be on **Wednesday 24th October** 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 **OCTOBER HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 3rd** 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 17th 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 .

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

Ruishton Carpet Bowls Club: We celebrated our 20th Anniversary of the Club being set up in 1998. Members attended an enjoyable anniversary evening meal at the Oake Manor Golf Club Venue, and our chairman gave a short history of how our lifetime member Tony Shattock, and several other villagers who were the original members, went about setting up the club with a lot of hard work to get the aid of a lottery grant, and set up a community carpet bowls club, and the equipment needed.
The Club continues to attract new members, and everyone is welcome.
We meet at Ruishton Village Hall, on Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm, and Friday Afternoons 2pm - 4pm. So come along , and give it a try, all equipment is supplied, so just turn up have a trial play for a small fee of £2 for each session, for up to 4 weeks, after which time an annual membership fee of £6 will be required, which also entitles you to a smaller fee of £1.50 per session.
For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs (Treasurer) 01823 442427 or Derek Garrett (Chairman) 01823 442876

For all bookings and enquiries regarding the Village Hall, please contact Chris on 07958574905
ALL ITEMS FOR THE November 2018 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Tuesday 16th October 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 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

'The Cellist of Sarajevo' is Steven Galloway's third novel. It is set in the capital of Bosnia during the civil war of the nineties. Four people struggle to stay alive in war-torn Sarajevo. They remember the simple pleasures of their old routines as they settle into horrifying desperate new ones.
Galloway threads these individual stories together. In this tense haunting book only the Cellist and his music brings hope. Everyone agreed that this book was an interesting read. It was thought provoking and we would definitely recommend it to other people.
Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th October at 10.30 am.** We will be discussing 'Suite Francaise' by Irene Nemirovsky. For further information phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

"In stitches @ St George's" "In Stitches" will next meet between 10 - 12 on Friday October 12th in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. If you enjoy knitting or crotchet and would like to join us, please come along.
Muriel Coles 443019

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

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(see back page for more information)

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scott.windsor@avonandsomerset.police.uk
claire.escott@avonandsomerset.police.uk
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RUISHTON GUIDING
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)

FOR SALE (50p a line)

1. DELL Computer Bag. New condition £20. Would double as a briefcase, 5 zips.
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2. Some materials left over from the building work recently finished at our bungalow including lengths of guttering, wood (treated), material suitable for splashbacks, insulated plasterboard (about 2.5m by 0.7m), 3 lengths of worktop 2m,1.6m,1.1m, plastic facia board, plus other bits and bobs. Offers taken. Phone 443369

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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

TARMAC – LIAISON GROUP

The Site Manager from Tarmac kindly attended the Parish Council meeting on 5th September and spoke on the Tarmac plan to re-establish the site as a Precast Concrete Facility. He would also like to re-establish
the Liaison Group which previously worked well and created a good relationship between Tarmac and local residents. The Parish Council will have a couple of Councillors as members of the Group and the first meeting will be on Wednesday 11th November at 6.00pm at the Tarmac Site. The Council would like to invite residents as members of the Group especially those who live in the Gravelands area. 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.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CUTS

Somerset County Council are facing financial challenges which has come about by greatly reduced Government funding and a growing demand for statutory services they provide particularly in Adult and Children's services. The situation will mean severe cutbacks or withdrawing of non-statutory services.

The Parish Council has been monitoring the services that S.C.C. and the proposed cutbacks provide which will have a detrimental effect on Town and Parish Councils with safety issues and possibly for our budgets for the future. Proposals include:

- Reduction in funding for Citizens Advice Services. (Town and Parish Councils do have a power to contribute funding to CAB's)
- To remove the provision of roadside salt supplies for self-help use by the public for the winter of 18/19. (In previous years, Parishes could obtain a supply of salt to re-fill the grit bins, so no doubt this will now have to come from the parish purse)
- Termination of in-year hedge cutting, ditching and ploughing spend and only raise reactive orders for works for these workstreams and only if they are safety related.
- Implement a 1 swathe width cut across A&B network on the 2nd programme visit.
- Reduction of the in-year reactive jetting budget. Through this proposal reactive maintenance of roadside drains and gullies and associated pipework will be reduced.
- Reduce the precautionary salting network for the winter of 18/19 from 23 routes to 16 routes.
- To reduce the traffic management and road safety revenue budget.
- To halt a number of activities and schemes in 2018/19 programme of Flood and Water Management

An area that Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC has had initial concerns is the suspension of the Park and Ride services to Taunton town centre and Musgrove Park Hospital until finances allow for re-instatement. However, it looks like this has been saved until at least September 2019 by Taunton Deane Borough Council stepping in to make a one-off payment to continue the service. The Parish Council will be monitoring this very closely in the next year or so.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

Live road improvement info – You can now find out where road improvement works are going to happen in the near future by using a new webpage www.travelsomerset.co.uk/structural-maintenance. It carries what is called the council's 'structural maintenance programme' for the financial year. Precise dates and timings of work are added to the live map as they are finalised.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner will be attending the Parish Council's 7th November meeting to give a presentation and answer any questions from Councillors and the public on policing matters especially in light of the reduction in Police numbers. So please make a note in your diary. Please note the Council meeting will start at 7.00pm instead of 7.30pm

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018
3.10.18, 7.11,18, (7.00pm start) 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".

COME DOWN THE PARK

Your opinions please!

If the opportunity were to arise in the future, what recreation facilities would young people in our parish like to have? Improved parking, skate park, hard court, tennis court, bigger climbing equipment??

Rather than just guessing, we want to involve everyone living in the parish. Please come down the park on

Saturday 6th October from 10.30am – 12pm.

Come and tell us what you like doing and what you would like to have, if you could. Parents, please come and let us know your thoughts as well.

As part of our Neighbourhood Plan, its important that we plan ahead and you told us that improved recreation is important to you so please come and tell us more about it.

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

SUNDAY 28th October 2018 from 4.00pm
THE RUISHTON INN

The Freewheelers (Blood Bikes) are based in Somerset and provide a courier service to hospitals in the area, delivering life saving medical essentials. The Freewheelers are all volunteers and are the unseen emergency service to many hospital departments

If you would like to donate to the Freewheelers or if you have something that you would like to donate to the raffle or auction, please drop it into The Ruishton Inn.
Your support for these unsung heroes would be greatly appreciated.