RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW July
£25 No 96 Miss L Hunt 17 Coronation Close
£10 No 112 Mt T Faulkner 15 Woodlands Drive
£5 No 122 Mrs S Collins 10 Lawn Meadow

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW August
£25 96 Mrs K Batty 8 Drakes Close
£10 125 Mrs D John 2 Lawn Meadow
£5 Mrs P Longhurst 27 Lawn Meadow

Our next **JUMBLE SALE and AUCTION** will be on **Saturday 3rd September at 12 noon**. Items can be collected by ringing Norma on 442040 or Liz on 443369 or bring to the Village Hall on Saturday morning before 10.00 am. Please think of us when you turn out, the village hall needs the funds to keep the place running so that it is available for us all to use. Liz is prepared to collect jumble at any time to store until the next sale. So let us have your unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac.

The **September BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 14th**. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £70. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The September **WHIST DRIVE** is on **September 28th**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm. There is no whist in August.

Our next **VILLAGE HALL QUIZ** will be on **Saturday September 17th at 7.30pm** so start getting those brains in gear ready for Mike Marshall whi is our quiz master. Mike is great at entertaining us with unexpected topics so come and find out what he has up his sleeve for us this time. £2 per person tables of up to 4. There is usually the odd person willing to make up a team if you are unable to get a foursome.

Monday September 19th 2pm to 7pm An open event is being held by Somerset County Council in the Village Hall from re the proposed changes to the **roundabout at junction 25** parishioners are invited to come and discuss the changes. See back page for more details.

The **September Health Walks.** These will be on **Weds 7th** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and one on **Weds 21st** from Ruishton Village Hall car park. . 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 .

RUISHTON PRODUCE MARKET. As we have a few stalls away on holiday over the next couple of months would anybody fancy having a stall for car boot, craft or produce. For a 6 foot space it would be £5, it could be inside or out, numbers are limited. The market runs from 10.00 - 12.00, you can set up from 9.00. The next market is **Saturday 27th August and Saturday 24th September**. All profits go to St Margaret's Hospice. For information about having a stall please contact Jane on 01823443350 or email janesheavenlytiaras@hotmail.com. Many thanks.

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB Returns from Tuesday 6th Sept after our Summer Break.
We meet at **RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL every Tuesday Evening from 7pm & 9pm and Friday Afternoon between 2pm & 4pm.** You can come along, and have a trial play as a guest 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. This also includes a free cup of tea, and a biscuit at half time. Come along, and give it a try, we are all a friendly social group.
For further information phone Mavis Skeggs 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 442876 (Chairman)

Review of Village Hall Maintenance Some necessary repairs and refurbishments have been carried out at the Village Hall over the summer. The ladies toiles have had new basins and cupboards fitted and the meeting room has had a dado rail installed to protect the wall from damage by chairs. The back windows have been replaced as the previous ones had been damaged. This should improve security and be better at retaining heat when heating is on. Wi-Fi is being installed. The hall floor has also been resurfaced.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER 2016 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Saturday 17th September 2016, or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on on **Monday 12th September at 2.30pm** at Margaret (T)'s house. Sally McEwen 442733.

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 VH committee 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 15th September**, For more information contact Sally (442733).

RUISHTON BOOK CLUB Our group is growing so if you enjoy reading and would like to make friends join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10. 30 a.m. We choose a book that we all read during the month and then talk about whether or not we liked it and what was good about it. We take turns to host the meeting and provide coffee and biscuits. We are currently reading a novel by Will Wiles called Care of Wooden Floors. Our next meeting **is Wednesday 14 September at 10.30 am** Please contact Viv Streeter on 01823 443103 for further information.

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle meet in the committee room at the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday . For further information please contact Peter on 251110 or Jean on 256265.

Ruishton Coffee Stop meets every Tuesdays between 9.45 and 11.30 in the Village Hall until the end oi August and then back to the Church meeting room in September, come along and join us for 10 minutes or 90 minutes all are welcome. Phone Liz 443369 if you want more details.

Ruishton Church will meet in Ruishton school on Sundays at 9.30am until further notice whilst work is done in the church, apart from the Harvest Festival which will be held in the Garden of The Old Vicarage at 11am on September 18th, followed by lunch (bring and share). All are welcome.

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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 Cathy Jones (443160), Rainbows Cath Ellis (442398)

Taunton Mobile Library calls at Dinhams Farm Corner once every 4 weeks next visit **Wednesday 14th September** from **9.35 to 9.45**.



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Flower Show The Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Show; 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 plus photos from this year's Scarecrow Trail.
The Show is organised by a small committee and we are always looking for volunteers to help on Show day, If you would like to help with next year's Flower Show, please phone Lilian on 01823 442294

Mike Marshall Chairman Flower Show

Missing banners: in the week prior to the Village Day three banners were taken from around the Village Hall, the Village Hall Bingo Banner, the Flower Show Banner and the Church All Age Worship banner. Any information on these missing banners would be gratefully received, contact the editor if you know what happened to them or Mike Marshall above re Flower Show banner.

Village Day July 2016: despite 5 stalls not turning up and not letting us know we had a good day. We would like to thank all the stalls, helpers, and those of you who came down and supported us. Your generosity has made it possible to hold next years village day which will be on 15th July 2017.
Can I take this opportunity to apologise to all regarding the Village Day Flyer that had a glitch in it, or shall we call it Roy's senior moment! I have spoken to Denise Wine, as you know Bob Wine passed away 3 years ago but is always in our thoughts.
Always looking for new ideas for stalls and attractions let us know if you have seen any. Many thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton, and Paul of the Carpet Shed Ilminster. J Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show An good turn out, lots of entries and a variety of dogs. Thanks to Diane Swales and her team from the Taunton and District Canine Association. We have asked them to help at next years show on July 15th 2017, will let you know if they are able to at a later date.
Many thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairlines Salon, Ruishton and Craig of Western Fuel Oils, Bridgwater. J Elston 442568

In Stitches @ St George's will next meet on September 9th from 10am until 12 noon in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. If you enjoy knitting or crotchet and would like to join us then please come along. Muriel Coles 443019

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ELECTORAL REVIEW OF TAUNTON DEANE – CONSULTATION PERIOD 28.6.16 – 5.9.16

The Commission is minded to recommend that 43 borough councillors should be elected to Taunton Deane Borough Council. The reviews aim is to ensure fairer representation at local government elections and to deliver a pattern of wards where each councillor represents approximately the same number of electors. Creech St Michael and Ruishton has 12% more electors per Ward than average.

The Council will respond to this consultation on the lines of there is inadequate representation of the electorate at present and this situation would not be improved by cutting the number of Borough Councillors back to 43 (from 56) and increasing the size of the wards. Although it may be possible to base urban wards on the number of the electorate in each one this is not so easy in rural areas where relying on numbers means that a Borough Councillors has so many miles to cover that leads in ineffective representation Rural areas have diverse needs and concerns, for instance Ruishton suffers from annual flooding and is part of the Levels it would be ridiculous to place this parish in a ward containing parishes who are in upland areas. We require a Borough Councillor that will have the time to represent this area which is important to the future shape of Taunton Deane. So rather than increasing the size of the ward, the Review should look to decrease the Ward by making Ruishton & Thornfalcon a one councillor ward.

If you want to comment on review you can do so via this web site link however, you must do so by the 5th September. www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/somerset/taunton-deane

PARK AND RIDE AT HENLADE

The Park and Ride has been subject to numerous unauthorised encampments in recent years which have at times meant the site has had to be temporarily shut or services disrupted. The Council and County Councillor Ross Henley have been in regular contact with Somerset County Council in regard to this problem to make the site more secure in order to deter unauthorised encampments as it costs Somerset County Council (therefore the tax payer) a lot of money to take action, repair any damage and to clear the site of the rubbish that is left behind.

Somerset County Council has now taken High Court action to stop illegal encampments disrupting its Park and Ride service for Taunton by means of a High Court injunction that will mean it can react far quicker to unauthorised encampments at the Gateway Park and Ride in Ruishton. It is hoped that the court injunction will deter further encampments and disruption for park and ride users.

The Council has also contacted Somerset County Council to report the overgrown vegetation within the Park and Ride site which is unsightly and a safety concern especially with regard to the uncut hedges that line the exit lanes which severely restrict drivers' lines of vision. Somerset County Council has replied that that officers in Transporting Somerset are currently working with their Property Services team to address this issue both now and in the future by arranging regular tidying up of the site.

Finally, the Council has asked Somerset County Council for clarification on the P&R timetable and fares and if there had been any changes recently. Somerset County Council has replied that with regard to purchasing tickets on the bus service, there are no changes to Single/Return fares, Flexirider, Group or Season Tickets for passengers using the park and ride facilities. However, passengers boarding the bus to make non-Park & Ride journeys (from the town centre to the hospital) are now being charged fares in line with the local bus fares charged by the Buses of Somerset on their Taunton Town Bus network but these changes will not affect anyone boarding or alighting at Taunton Gateway using the service to park and ride.

FIRST AID COURSES

The Council has received a grant from County Councillor Ross Henley of £250 to deliver First Aid Courses for parishioners. If you are interested in attending a First Aid Course, please contact the Clerk

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016

7.9.16 5.10.16 2.11.16 7.12.16

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.com.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Heather Bryant, Northay House, Northay, Chard. TA20 3DN. Tel: 01460 234770. Email: ruishtonpc@gmail.com

£18m upgrade of M5 J25 moves step closer

Ambitious plans to upgrade Junction 25 of the M5 will be going on display to the public next month. Junction 25 is the main access point to Taunton and also provides a critical link to the second strategic route into the South West – the A303 via the A358.

Somerset County Council has been working with partners to develop a scheme to increase the capacity of this vital link to improve traffic flow, ease peak hour congestion and unlock land for employment.

The proposed scheme involves full signalisation and widening of the roundabout, improved signs on approach to the junction, widening of the eastern exit, a new roundabout to access the proposed Strategic Employment Site, and improved pedestrian and cycling facilities.

It is expected to cost around £18m with funding from the Local Transport Board, Taunton Deane Borough Council, and developer contributions.

In a key step last month, the LTB agreed to approve the entry business case, meaning the scheme can progress to the more detailed design and consultation stage. Two public events will now be held next month for people to view the plans, ask questions and give feedback. The drop-in sessions take place from **2pm to 7pm at Ruishton Village Hall on Monday 19 September** and at Taunton Library on Wednesday 21 September.

Junction 25 currently experiences congestion in both peak hours, with queues frequently extending along the A358 in both directions and occasionally backed up onto the M5. The upgrade aims to improve journey times, reduce congestion, improve Park & Ride journey time reliability and create a more attractive access to Taunton, Yeovil and the A303 from the M5. The scheme will also unlock access into a proposed new strategic employment site and will also support other planned growth across Taunton which includes 13,000 new homes and 6,000 jobs. These designs will be developed alongside Highways England's plans to upgrade the A358.

Following public consultation, the next step will be for the County Council to draw up detailed plans and begin the procurement process.

If approved, construction is likely to take up to two years, with work not expected to start before 2018/19.

