

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW

£20	No 4	Mrs M Thompson 42 Newlands Rd
£10	No 35	Mrs E Weaver 19 Ivy House Park
£5	No 90	Mrs B Collins 18 Newlands Rd
£3	No 184	Miss J Harris Dairy House Farm, Henlade

The March **WHIST DRIVE** will be on Wednesday March 11th. The April Whist will be on Wednesday 22nd April. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The April BINGO will be on Wednesday 8th. Doors open at 7pm and its EYES DOWN at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £45.

JUMBLE SALE AND AUCTION on Saturday April 25th at 12 noon. Get ready for summer have a good Spring Clean of your cupboards and wardrobes! Any jumble may be brought to the Village Hall after 9.30am. If you want anything collected please contact Norma (442040), or Liz (443369).

This months **HEALTH WALK** will be on Wednesday April 16th meet in Ruishton Village Hall car park and be ready to set off at 10.30 am. New comers most welcome. Coffee available after the walk.

Pat Pike (442609)

Our next **ENTERTAINMENT** will be the **Chard Light Operatic Society with their Victorian Music hall evening on Saturday 2nd May at 7.30pm**, A good time can be had listening to this group with opportunities to join in for a good sing-song yourself (words will be provided). So book your tickets now with Mavis (442427) or Sheila (442860) £6.00 a ticket. Doors open at 7pm and the performance commences at 7.30pm.

There will be a licensed bar and raffle.

VILLAGE DAY 18th July 2009 it seems no time at all since last Village Day, but we now look forward to another successful day in July 2009. Our main attractions have now been booked, and we have our favourites: Wiveliscombe Town Band, Wellington Majorettes, a new Punch & Judy show, the large inflatable slide, trampolines, ball pond and new for this year crockery smash. There will be all the usual village charity stalls including refreshments, ice creams, hot dogs, cakes, tins, bottles, plants and by popular demand The Teddy Bears Picnic (run by the Guides) with prizes and rosettes. Lots of cash prizes in the games. In the Village Hall there will be the Flower Show and also on the field the Dog Show. Thanks again to our sponsors Roy of R&B Print and Paul Hawkins of Gas and Oil Burner Services. John Elston (442568)

DOG SHOW 18th July 2009 Taunton Canine Club has agreed to run the Dog Show this year with a little help from us. Bob Wine has organised another judge for us and we will advise who at a later date. The show will be the same format as previous years, Kennel Club licensed. Rosettes 1st - 4th every class and perpetual cups in selected classes. There are all types of classes so any dogs are welcome. More later. Once again we thank our sponsors this year Jane of Hairlines, together with Craig of

Western Fuel Supplies.

John Elston & Bob Wine

Flower Show _18th July 2009 We have some interesting new classes in the schedule this year. In the cookery section we're encouraging the men to bake a Victoria Sandwich cake, and in the children's section, there's a class for the most items in a matchbox. For the teens, there's a class for a blog print (real or fictional). The photography class subjects are 'A humorous photograph' and 'Shadows'.
Lilian Marshall (442294)

For all bookings and enquiries regarding the Village Hall, please contact Chris on 07958574905 ALL ITEMS FOR THE May 2009 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NOT LATER THAN Tuesday 14th APRIL 2009, or e-mailliz@harper1945.fslife.co.uk.

LADIES GROUP This month we meet on Thursday April when Susan Matthews will talk on "My Life as a Dame at Eton College" New members are always welcome, we have a varied programme of speakers, and our year starts in April. Come along for just a £1 introductory fee per meeting. n@w
(442849) Lorna Whitworth

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on Monday 6th April at 2.30pm at June's house.
Sally McEwen (442733)

RUISHTON ROWCOUNTERS Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th April at 2.00pm at Edna's home

THORN FALCON & DISTRICT W.I. We meet this month on Wednesday 15th April. For our 54th Birthday Party. Anne Cuff (442364).

CREECH ST MICHAEL GARDENING CLUB meet in Creech Primary School Hall on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm. This month's meeting is on "Bedding plants Old and New" by David Lucas.

From peso 8784 Lynsey Gamblin Contact me on voicemail 01823 363287 and 70106 at the prompt. This month you may have seen on the national news or heard on the local radio about the launch of the Policing Pledge. I would like to take this opportunity of explaining to you what we are doing locally to meet our commitments to the pledge.

- We will always treat you fairly
- We have made it easier for you to contact your Safer Stronger Neighbourhood Team. I am your local point of contact and, as usual, you can contact me on the number below.

Your SSN Team is dedicated to your area and the team endeavour to maximise the time they spend on patrol targeting crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots.

If you report an incident relating to a neighbourhood priority (you can see what they are on our website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) we aim to be there to deal with it within an hour. If it's better for you we'll make an appointment within 48 hours of your call, or we'll gladly give advice, answer questions or put you in touch with someone who can help.

We want to meet with people in your neighbourhood at least once a month - either in formal PACT (Partners and Communities together) meetings, which are advertised, or you can invite us to your own group's meetings. We will come to groups like mother and toddlers, pensioners, football clubs or even the local supermarket.

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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK - MARY GROWTAGE 01823275992

MARCH 2009 REPORT

All Parish Councillors, along with 8 parishioners attended the March meeting.

The meeting approved planning applications for the erection of a two-storey extension at 'Moonraker', Lower Henlade (31/09/0003) and also for the erection of a single storey extension to side to form annex at 'Southview', 10b, Newlands Crescent (31/09/0004)

The meeting also discussed a pre-planning consultation from 'Orange' for a radio base station (mobile phone mast) in Deane Gate Avenue and had no adverse comments to make on the proposal.

The clerk has been informed that the planning application for the change of use of Toad Hall has been withdrawn. ~ --

It is now six months since the clerk applied for a licence for the placement of a seat at the junction of Coronation Close with Bushy Cross Lane, but Taunton Deane have yet to respond.

At the time of typing this report Taunton Town Charity have limited sheltered accommodation available for people over 60 years of age, anyone wishing to benefit from the scheme should contact them on 01823 335348. Further details are on the Village Hall notice board.

Last month we asked Somerset Highways to inspect several faults on roads and pavements in our parish and we are glad to see that the large numbers of potholes and road subsidence along Holway Lane have already been repaired.

Since our last meeting, Cllr Bulgin has reported that a three-meter length of fencing from around the toddler's play has been removed. The police have been informed, but, if you have any information that would help in their enquires please inform either our Community Beat Officer, Lindsey Gamblin on 0778953820 or Cllr. Roy Bulgin on 442147

May I again ask you to keep your dogs under control and not allow them to foul the grass verges or any other open spaces.

ADVANCE NOTICE - The Annual Parish Meetings will be held in Ruishton Village Hall on 28th May 2009. It must be stressed that this is not a Parish Council meeting, although the Chairman of the Parish Council chairs it, but a meeting called for parishioners. It is hoped that this year more parishioners will attend and take an active part in the meeting.

Please let the clerk know if you want any specific item put on the agenda.

THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS ON

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME IS AT 7.20PM