

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW

£50	No 13	Mrs J Lloyd 22 Newlands Grove
£10	No 136	Mrs D Briggs 15 Newlands Rd
£5	No 19	Mrs R McClue 1 Newlands Grove
£3	No 62	Mr J Bawler, 3 Marks Close

The **BINGO** will be on Wednesday 13th January. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now **£30**.

Our Winter **JUMBLE SALE & AUCTION** will be on Saturday 23rd January at 2pm Start the New Year with a good clear out! The hall doors will be open from 10am on the day for your donations. Jumble, bric-a-brac, white elephant etc. all welcome. If collection is required, please ring Liz (443369), or Norma (442040).

The **WHIST DRIVE** will be on Wednesday January 27th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

Next **QUIZ NIGHT** is on Saturday 30th January. Doors open at 7pm and play starts at 7.30pm. There will be a licensed bar and raffle. Tables of 4 at £1.50 per head. If you can't make a four come anyway as there is usually a few people who would like to play and can make up the numbers.

In **FEBRUARY 2010** the **PANTOMIME BY C.A.R.D.S** will be **DRACULA** (With a twist, a comical twist). In the Village Hall from February 16th to 20th nightly at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2pm. It will be a fun filled family panto for all to enjoy. (NOT A HORROR STORY). Tickets go on sale from January 1st 2010. Phone the BOX OFFICE, Stewart on 01823 442115

On **MARCH 6th at 7.30pm** **Taunton Amateur Operatic Society Charity Singers** will be coming to the Village Hall to entertain everyone with their "**Night of Song**". All proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and Ruishton and Thornfalcon Churches. A licensed bar will be available - also a grand Raffle. Cost of tickets only £5 and will be available from: Janet Fowler (442432), Sheila Rexworthy (442860) and Mavis Skeggs (442427). Please come and support us and raise funds for your local Hall and Church.

RUISHTON and THORNFALCON CHURCHES invite you to their Christmas Services

Sunday 20th Ruishton Church 7.00pm CAROL SERVICE Followed by sherry & mince pies	Sunday 20th at Thornfalcon Church 3pm Living Nativity followed by refreshments
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve at Ruishton 6.00pm CRIB SERVICE 11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	
Friday 25th December Christmas Day at Ruishton 9.30am Holy Communion	Christmas Day at Thornfalcon 8.15 am Holy Communion + hymns

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2010 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 14th January 2010, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com.

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on Monday 10th January at 2.30pm at Margaret's house. Sally McEwen (442733)

RUISHTON ROWCOUNTERS Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th January at 2.00pm at Edna's home.

Ruishton Carpet Bowls Club would like to wish its members a Happy New Year. Please note that the Bowls Club will start again in the New Year on Tuesday January 5th and Friday January 8th. Please contact Ron if you are interested in joining the bowls club. Chairman Ron Mills (443224)

RATS (Ruishton Artists and TexStyles) meet on the first Thursday evening 7 - 9pm in the VH committee room. Next meeting 7th January. We are a group of craft enthusiasts who work with fabric & thread, if interested come and join us for more information ring Rosemary (442039)

TAUNTON & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CENTRE WE are a club offering a wide range of social activities for the over 50s including a meeting in the Ruishton Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm. Next meeting is on Thursday 20th January. For further information please contact Sally (442733).

THORNFALCON & DISTRICT W.I. We meet this month on Wednesday 20th January at 7.30pm. Mrs E Harper will give a slide show on New Zealand (North Island). Competition: A New Zealand memento.

The WI welcomes new members, if you are interested in joining please feel welcome to come to a meeting and find out what we do, or for more information contact Anne Cuff (442364).

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

The Brownies will be attending the All Age Worship in Ruishton church on Sunday 17th January at 11 am. This service is open to all ages with different activities for young and old so parents and friends also welcome.

Rainbows does need some more Adult help so if you are able to commit to Rainbows please contact either Debbie or Margaret Penn, District Commissioner on 442003. 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 Debbie Garland (339868)

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN - RICHARD HOUSE 44223496 CLERK - MARY

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There were no objections to any of the planning applications discussed at this meeting.

Details of the proposed cycle route from Weston to Seaton were available to members and are also on the notice board in the Village Hall, we have also been asked to give a grant towards the cost but County Cllr. Fothergill told the meeting that the project may be delayed due to lack of funding.

SCC do not consider that the condition of the slip road into Tarmac has been worsened by traffic turning there to access the Park and Ride site, but, residents and Tarmac disagree with this and the clerk will write to them again. •

Fortunately there was no reported flooding in the parish during November. However we now have permission to hold a small quantity of sandbags in both Ruishton and Lower Henlade for use in case of emergency.'Cllr.-Bulgin was-given to go ahead to obtain the necessary bins for there storage and these will be placed in the Dinhams car park and near the entrance to The Mount Somerset Hotel.

Cllr. Norman Cavill explained to the meeting the position regarding the need for additional employment land with good access to both the A358 and M25. Such a development would require major road works.

Taunton Deane discussed several sites with the necessary requirements at their last Executive meeting. The outcome of this 'meeting is being kept confidential until 11 January, when a public consultation will take place until 19 February 1210.

The nearest consultation will take place in the committee room of Creech St Michael Village Hall on Thursday 28 January from 3 - 8pm.

However, it is now understood that a press release will be released to the next edition of the County Gazette. All enquiries will be sent a holding letter.

Due to the short time scale of the Public Consultation the Parish Council will hold an additional meeting in January, to consider any proposals.

The Parish Council have this year given £50 donations to the following charities:)r Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau
> Victim Support Somerset
> Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance y The British Red Cross
> St John's Ambulance

Cllr. D Durdan reported the 'The Handyman Service' would continue during 2010/2011

Cllr. K. Durdan is hoping to set up of a Local Action Group for the area. (Details overleaf)

Cllr. Fothergill informed the meeting that SCC would be making an emergency budget for 2010/2011 and that it would involve cuts in thirty services; the figures will go before the full council in February.

**WITH BEST WISHES FOR It MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS**

The next meeting will be on 6 January 2010 With parishioner's
question time at 7.20pm

My name is Kelly Durdan and I am one of your District Councillors.

I am hoping to set up a new group called Community Care Watch. This will be a Local Action Team which will work closely with the Police and the Community Police Officers (PCSO) in our area.

I would like to meet once a month so that people can express their concerns about their village. For instance dog mess on pavements, speeding through the village, and other concerns that have been brought to my attention.

I would also like to set up a system where we know that our neighbours are safe and ok, i.e. if there are people living alone they know they can call on someone living close to them if they have a problem.

There are so many different ideas and with your help we make our community safer.

Alongside that I have been working to get the community speed watch up and going. Lower Henlade have already started and we have been out in Creech where we have caught quite a lot of speeding cars, sometimes we go out for half an hour or we might do an hour, we are all volunteers so you do as much or as little as you would like.

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with or would like to know more then please contact me, as we really need as much help as possible to make this work and give us all a safer neighbourhood.

You can get me Kelly Durdan on 07789871856. Or leave a message on my e-mail

cllr.k.durdan@tauntondeane.gov.uk

Just a reminder for you all if at any time you need your District councillors for anything contact details are Dave Durdan 01823 442946 or mobile 07836645112 and Kelly Durdan 07789871856