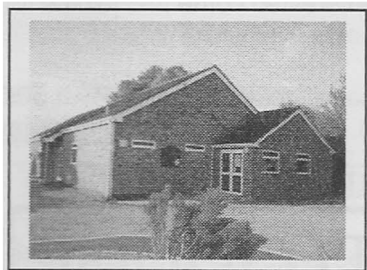


RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010



VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW

£20	No 118	Mrs N Powe, 8 Lawn Meadow
£10	No 2	Ms K Ellis, 13 Gravelands
£5	No 167	Mr G Morrison, 23 Lawn Meadow Ms
£3	No 21	W Shattock c/o Mr W Shattock

THE VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

Are you interested in helping to run the Village Hall? New members are needed to keep this useful facility running. Apply to the editor below or to any member of the committee for more information.

JUMBLE SALE held on 23rd January Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the jumble sale in any way, whether as customers, helpers or by donating goods. Normally jumble sales help towards the costs of running the hall, but we decided that in view of the Haiti disaster we should hold this particular sale in aid of that cause. The jumble sale itself made £328.20 but donations on the day and since have enabled us to pay for a Shelter Box price £490, this money has been sent to the charity. These boxes help families by supplying a tent, cooking utensils, a stove together with other equipment. More information on these boxes available at shelterbox.org.

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.

The BINGO will be on Wednesday 10th March. Doors open at 7pm and its EYES DOWN at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now £30.

The WHIST DRIVE will be on Wednesday February 24th and on Wednesday March 24th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

Ruishton Health Walks resume on Wednesday March 17th at 1 0.30pm from Ruishton Village Hall car park. For more details contact Pat Pike on 442609.

RUISHTON VILLAGE DAY 17th July 2010. We have donated £25 to the British Red Cross Society for First Aid Cover at last year's Village Day. Despite increase in costs last year finances are healthy due to your brilliant support. The organisation of Village Day 2010 is well under way. Committee members are John Elston, Roy Bulgin, Ray Challes and Jim Waldis. We are pleased to welcome Jim as a new member to the committee, particularly as he has been a helper for the past 20 years, help which is vital to the success of Village Day.

Bookings are in progress, but new ideas are always welcome, so if you know someone that could entertain or who would want a stall on the day, then as long as it is different to what we already have let us have a contact number. Forms will be sent to previous stall holders in April. We would like to thank our sponsors for their continuing support, Paul Hawkins Oil and Gas Burner Services, and Roy Bulgin R&B Graphics and Design. John Elston 442568.

Companion Dog Show 17th July 2010. Bob Wine has agreed to organise this year's dog show with help from his wife Denise and a few friends. Thanks also go to Taunton Canine Club for their valued help in the past. Our judge this year will be Bill Harris. Thanks to our sponsors Jane of Hairlines and Craig of Western Fuel Supplies Bridgwater.

J Elston (442568) Bob Wine (442075)

Thanks to Paul, Lorna and Bill who have joined the team of newsletter deliverers. We still need one more person to take over the deliveries in Ivy House Mobile Home Park. If you are able to do this round then please contact Liz on 443369.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2010 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN MONDAY 15th March 2010, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com.

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on Monday 8th March at 2.30pm at Sally's house. Sally McEwen (442733)

RUISHTON ROWCOUNTERS Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th March at 2.00pm at Edna's home.

RATS (Ruishton Artists and TexStyles) meet on the first Thursday evening 7 - 9pm in the VH committee room. Next meeting 4th March. 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 18th March. For further information please contact Sally (442733).

Creech St Michael Gardening Club Wednesday 17th March at 7.30 a talk on 'Barrington Court Gardens' by Christine Braine. We meet in the primary school hall at Creech.

Thornfalcon and District W.I. We meet this month on Wednesday 17th March for a talk by CDR. R Seymore AFC RN about Yeovilton Air Station – "Past, Present and Future". Competition is "A Nautical Theme". Interested in joining the W.I., contact Anne Cuff (442364).

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Guides, Brownies and Rainbows

Guides have been busy doing Centenary Challenges, had an evening of Make do and mend and are preparing for a Talent Show. Brownies have made Valentines cards, done Thinking Day *activities* and been preparing for a "Cocktail Party" Promise Ceremony for 5 new Brownies. The units continued to be busy during Half Term when Guides, Brownies and Rainbows enjoyed the Pantomime and Guides and Brownies took part in the Thinking Day service at Temple Methodist Church where Cathy lead the Brownies Promise renewal.

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)

Flower Show This year the Flower Show will be on Saturday 17th July 2010. The popular 'Potato in a bucket' class will be running again, and this year we have a supply of 'Swift' seed potatoes, an early cropper - or you can grow your own variety. Seed potatoes can be obtained from Lilian (13 Lawn Meadow) or Joan (10 Overlands), 10p each, this also covers your entry fee. The 2009 Annual Report is ready, and copies may be obtained from the Secretary (tel. 442294).

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

MARY GROWTAGE 275992

FEBRUARY 2010

Unfortunately, due to our January meeting being postponed until the 20th we were unable to submit our usual report for the last newsletter.

The Licence for a new Notice Board at Lower Henlade has now been completed (Highways Act 1980 - Section 115E) and it is hoped that it will be in place in the not too distant future.

Over the last two meetings the parish Council has considered the following planning applications and had no adverse comments to make on any of them:

31/09/0027 - Erection of alterations and extensions at Vidanta, Stoke Road, Henlade.

31/09/0028 - Installation of Calor gas tanks and works at The Mount Somerset Hotel.

31/09/0029 - Change of use of garage to church meeting room with the erection of side extension and toilet and erection of double garage at Ruishton Vicarage.

31/10/0002 and 3LB - Conversion of annexe known as Henlade House to hotel spa facility and replacement of fire escape at The Mount Somerset Hotel.

The Parish Council are concerned that they have never received the project plan and timetable for the East of Taunton Park and Ride from the Project Manager, despite several requests. However our County Councillor has informed us that the lights should be installed at the beginning of March and that the A358 will be resurfaced over the weekend 12~14 March 2010.

A Precept of £13k for 2010/11 was agreed at the January meeting, this being the first increase made by the parish since 2008/09.

In their reply to the Core Strategy and Small Business Consultation regarding the use of land to the East of Junction 25 as a Strategic Employment site, members have submitted the following observations:

- The motorway is recognised as a barrier in TOBC own strategy.
- There is no point in planning a Business Park unless the Henlade bypass is in place and there is currently no funded plans in place at least up until 2019.
- Would open up our side of the motorway for future housing or any type of large-scale development
- Junction 25 will not accommodate any further development.

Replying to the Deane DLO Consultation on outsourcing their work, the Parish Council felt thought it was essential that standards were agreed and carefully monitored.

It was also felt that smaller jobs might disappear and would like a guarantee that there would still be a rapid response when required (e.g. attention to a fault with the pump in Cheats Road)

The next meeting will be on 9 March 2010
With parishioner's question time at 7.20pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual Parish Meetings will be held on
May 2010 (This being a meeting of Parishioners not Parish Councillors.)

**YOUR RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH POLICE TEAM
CONTACT DETAILS**

NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT SERGEANT **PS1400 ANTHONY CROWTER**
NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT MANAGER PC **1146 MARIA JENNINGS**

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **8784 LYNSEY GAMBLIN** POLICE
COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **9981 STEPHEN CHAPMAN** POLICE
COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **7310 MANDIE REED** POLICE
COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **8466 EAMONN LENISTON**

TEAM VOICE MAIL: 01823363287 then 70106 Voicemail
messaging service is NOT for incident reporting

NON URGENT REPORTING 0845 456 7000
If something is URGENT (burglary/fight in progress etc) ring 999

EMAIL:

SSNTauntonRural@avonandsomerset.police.uk Website
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Letters: Taunton Police Station, Shuttern, Taunton, TA 1 3QA

A message from PCSO 8784 Lynsey Gamblin and PC SO 9981 Steve Chapman

Hello everyone

Unbelievably Christmas is a distant memory and we are now heading rapidly into spring. As mentioned in previous newsletters spring is renowned for bringing out the green fingered amongst us. Garden centres are showcasing their new lawn mowers, hedge trimmers and strimmers as well as all the other accessories that help us to enjoy our gardens throughout the summer.

The joy of using the garden equipment can be short lived when on a Sunday afternoon; dinner is calling and leaving the equipment out for a few hours 'wont hurt'. Criminals are out looking for their new garden equipment at all times of the day and night and the opportunist thief will take any chance to relieve you of your property.

Please ensure that all your possessions are locked away and that sheds and outbuildings are secure. Exterior locks have been known to rust and break and timber does become weak over time. Review your security arrangements and reduce the opportunity for others to commit crime.

Spring is also a time for new ventures. Avon and Somerset Constabulary are always looking for volunteers to assist in many different aspects of policing such as Speedwatch and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. The Volunteers in Policing (ViP) programme is an excellent way to get involved. If you are interested the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website has all the information you require. Alternatively you can make contact with me or Steve and we will be able to give you further information.

Beat Surgeries

Ruishton Village Hall
25th Feb - 10.00
25th Mar - 11.30
29th April - 16.00

Creech St Michael Village Hall
18th Feb - 20.00
25th Mar - 10.00
29th April - 20.00