

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW APRIL

£25	No 13	Mr J Lloyd, 22 Newlands Grove
£10	No 26	Mr A Atyeo, 4 Newlands Crescent
£5	No 46	Mrs J Millard, 11 Dinhams

Please note that the cost of hiring the hall will go up in line with inflation on May 1st.

Our next JUMBLE SALE will be on Saturday 30th April at 2.00pm. Items can be collected by ringing Liz on 443369 or Norma on 442040 or alternatively leave a carrier bag (or larger) of items by your gate and Liz will collect it between 9.30am and 11 am on Thursday 28th April (must be by your gate by 9.30am). This applies only to houses in Ruishton, anyone else give us a ring or bring to the Village Hall on Saturday morning before 12noon.

The WHIST DRIVE in April will be on Wednesday 27th, and in May it is on Wednesday 25th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The BINGO will be on Wednesday 11th May. Doors open at 7pm and its EYES DOWN at 7.30pm. The SNOWBALL is now £40.

QUIZ NIGHT is on Saturday May 14th at 7.30pm. Come and exercise your brains. £1.50 per player, teams of 4 per table. If you are interested in playing but do not have a full team, please come as there is usually a few people who can make up a team with you. There will not be a bar please feel free to bring your own drinks with you, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available to buy.

Pilates Classes for Beginners are starting at Ruishton Village Hall Improve your suppleness, muscle tone, posture, strength and balance through gentle, controlled exercise. Learn how to reduce back pain, gain abdominal strength, a flatter tummy and increased vitality. Two 5 week courses start Tuesday 3 May and Monday 9 May. Time: 2 - 3pm. £6 per class. Classes suitable for all- ladies and gentlemen welcome! Phone Lucy on 07813072361 or email elj.bright@googlemail.com for bookings/information. Limited places, so please book early.

Ruishton School Summer Fair Saturday 14th May 12 noon to 2pm at the school. Various displays, lots of stalls, refreshments B-B-Q. The fair will have a Victorian theme to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school.

MAY HEALTH WALK The next walk will commence at 10.30 am on Wednesday, May 18th, meeting in the Village Hall car-park as usual. For more information please ring Pat Pike on 01823 442609

Flower Show - 16th July 2011 The schedules will soon be available, and we have some interesting new classes again this year. The subjects for photography are 'Water' and 'Plant Life' (adults), 'Holiday fun' (age 4-11) and 'an animal' (age 11-16). We also have classes for cupcakes in both adults' and children's sections. We are running the popular Scarecrow competition again (judging on Sunday 10th July) and this year's theme is 'Flower Power'

VILLAGE DAY 16th July 2011 We are putting together what should hopefully be another successful Village Day. Past stall holders should receive invitations shortly, if you have not received one by the end of April please ring me. There are some new people wanting stalls for this year so make sure you get your forms back early to ensure a place. This year a new competition will be 'A Fancy Dress' with cash prizes, age groups to be decided. Thanks again to our sponsors Roy of R&B Print and Graphics, and Paul Hawkins Oil and Gas Burner Services. John Elston 442568

Companion Dog Show 16th July 2011 Our judge this year will be Brenda Underwood. The schedules will be available from Bob Wine and John Elston soon. Cup winners from 2010 please return your cups to me or Bob by the end of June. Special thanks to our sponsors Jan of Hairlines and Craig of Western Fuel supplies. J Elston 442568 Bob Wine 442075

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2011 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 14thMay 2011, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on **Monday 9th May at 2.30pm** at Sheila's house. Sally McEwen 442733

RUISHTON ROWCOUNTERS Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th May at 2.00pm** at Edna's home.

RATS (Ruishton Artists in TexStyles) meet on the first and third **Thursday evening 7-9pm** in the VH committee room. Next meeting **5th May**. 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 19th May**. For further information contact Sally (442733).

THORNFALCON & DISTRICT W.I. The next meeting on **Wednesday 18th May** when Mr Sown will talk on 'Aloe Vera'. The competition is 'Grandma's Favourite Remedy' Anne Cuff (442364).

Ruishton Guiding

Brownies and Rainbows went to the Guides Talent show and really enjoyed it. Guides and Brownies went to the Brewhouse to see the Gang Show. They gave very vocal support to 3 Guides (ex Ruishton Brownies) and a Young Leader who had been chosen to perform - a brilliant evening! Brownies have held a Promise Ceremony for 3 Brownies and will be having another evening to welcome 2 more Brownies into the pack. They made truffles, boxes and a card for Mothers Day. They have taken full advantage of the recent good weather, playing in the Park. 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 (970057)

JOLLY BABIES & MUSIC with MUMMY

Jolly Babies is now in Ruishton Village Hall on **Fridays from 2.00 to 2.45 pm**. A singing and musical experience for babies under 12 months. Classes are small, friendly and allow you to have a relaxing and bonding time with your baby.

Music with Mummy on **Fridays from 1.15 to 2.00pm**. Friendly classes designed for children aged 1-3 years. This class encourages language, listening, speaking and movement using fun props and songs for both parent and child to enjoy. Contact Sam Faulks on 01278 663223 or 07513 480673 or look on the website www.musicwithmummy.co.uk

To report incidents, call 08454567000, or for an immediate response call 999.
PC 1146 Maria Jennings PCSO 8784 Lynsey Gamblin PCSO 9981 Steve Chapman
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Ruishton School Wildlife Area needs your help!

Dear Ruishton Village Community Member

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to help the Green Army Eco Team by filling in the form on the back and returning it to Ruishton C of E Primary School (address above).

The Green Army is a group of pupils from each year group, who want to make our school environment greener and encourage wildlife into the school and the surrounding community. At the moment, the Green Army has created a wildlife area in school with hedgerows, a dry stone wall and a bug hotel. We are having solar panels fitted to the roof of the school and we have planted lots of bulbs and seeds. We are very proud of being part of the 15000 strong Eco Schools in the country and one of only 4000 schools to have been awarded the Silver Award. We want to do more and are working towards getting our Gold Award.

In honour of our 150th anniversary celebrations coming up next year, one of the things we would like to do is to build a plastic bottle green house and to do this we will need all the help we can get! If you think you could help us with this, we would love to hear from you. We would particularly like someone who could help us to build the frame. We are hoping that someone will donate the wood to us and are in the process of writing to local businesses for their help. If you know of anyone who might be able to donate the timber, please let us know and we will contact them. We are also asking everyone in the community to keep their 21tr clear plastic bottles for us so that we can use them to make the green house. We need 1500 of them! They must have all paper removed and be washed. Please bring them into the school when you have collected a good few!

We are always looking for further ideas and inspiration on how to develop the grounds and would very much like to hear your thoughts, which is why we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill in the questionnaire on the back of this letter and return it to the school. Please put your name and contact details on it so we can get back in touch with you.

Thank you very much for your participation.
The Green Army

Eco-Schools Questionnaire

Name and Contact Details:

What do you think we could do to further develop the school grounds for encouraging wildlife?

Could you volunteer a few hours a week to help the Green Army?

If yes, please state when you would be available.

We would like to put a kitchen garden in the school and use our 3 raised beds to grow a selection of vegetables, do you have any spare seeds, plants, or tools that you would be happy to donate?

Below are a selection of the seeds/plants that we would like to grow, (though we are happy to accept anything):

Corn	Manure
Pumpkins	Compost
Beetroot	Tools (forks, spades)
Courgettes	A wheelbarrow
Herbs (Basil, Oregano, Mint, Thyme, Rosemary, etc)	Decorative and Edible flowers to encourage wildlife:
Potatoes	Marigold
Garlic	Nasturtiums
Beans	Sunflowers
Squashes	Corn flowers
Tomatoes	Echinacea
Aubergines	Lavender
Gourds (for making bird feeders out of)	Hedgerow trees and bushes
Leeks	
Onions	
Peas	
Strawberries	If you are splitting any of your plants or have any cuttings that you wish to go to a good home, please consider the Green Army and Ruishton school!

Please, If you have things that you can donate we would love to have them. If you are not near the school or do not have transportation and are not able to bring them to the school, please contact us and let us know what you have, so we can try and arrange for them to be picked up. THANK YOU!

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN - RICHARD HOUSE 443496

CLERK - MARY GROWTAGE 275992 -

email ruishtonpc@talktalk.net

Cllr. House was in the chair for this meeting for the April meeting.

There were no comments on the planning application for the erection of an extension to a dormer window at 5 Newlands Road, Ruishton.

The following planning applications have been passed by Taunton Deane:

Erection of two storey extension to rear of Arundells Farm, Lower Henlade (31/11/0001)

Erection of a porch to the side of 23 Alexevia Caravan Park, Ruishton (31/11/0003)

Replacement dwelling at Canal farm, Thornfalcon (40/1110001)

Since the last meeting the clerk has heard from the Enforcement Officer that the development at Drakes Farm, Ruishton is in accordance with the approved planning permission and found to be in full compliance with the plans.

The Parish Council have agreed to allow the Ruishton Football Club to use the recreation field for training and matches.

We were pleased to learn that the wooden scout hut at Woodlands is to be revamped, with the financial help of Sir Benjamin Slade.

New toddlers' swings have been installed, in the Recreation Field, with 50% funding coming from Taunton Deane.

The Chairman recently attended a meeting at Ham Treatment Works and reported that stage 1 of their redevelopment is now complete and stage 2 should be started by the end of next year. No decision has been made regarding the provision of a new road linking the site with the A358 as the company are looking at alternative routes.

There will be no election for Parish Councillors in Ruishton, there being just ten nominations. Whilst in Thornfalcon there is one nomination short, as our current Chairman, Richard House, is not standing again. This seat will have to be filled by co-option within 35 days from 5 May 2011.

The accounts have to be completed and the Annual Return to 31 March 2011 has to be sent to the Auditor by 1 June 2011 - The Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights will be displayed by 14 April and the inspection period will commence on 28 April until 27 May 2011.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
11 MAY 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM
WITH PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME AT 7.20PM**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011
THORNFALCON WILL COMMENCE AT 7PM
WITH RUISHTON AT 7.30PM**

**NB . THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON 4 MAY 2011
(DUE TO THE ELECTION)**

NOTICE OF POLL

Referendum on the voting system for United Kingdom parliamentary elections

1. A referendum will be held on **Thursday May 5th 2011** to decide on the question below:

At present the UK uses the 'first past the post' system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the 'alternative vote' system be used instead?

2. The hours of the poll will be from 7am to 10pm. This poll will be combined with the poll for the local government election (see below).

Taunton Deane Borough Council Election of Borough Councillors RUISHTON AND CREECH WARD NOTICE OF POLL

1. A poll for the election of Councillors for the above-named ward will be held on Thursday May 5th 2011, between the hours of 7am and 10pm.
2. The number of councillors to be elected will be **TWO**.
3. The names, descriptions and places of residence of the candidates remaining validly nominated for election are as follows:-

Name of Candidate	Home address	Description (if any)
DURDAN David William	Fair View Ham Creech St Michael Taunton TA35PA	Conservative Party Candidate
DURDAN Kelly Ann	2 Tristram Drive Creech St Michael Taunton TA35QU	Conservative Party Candidate
HUNT Ken	Little Garth Charlton Rd Creech Heathfield Taunton TA35EJ	Liberal Democrat
MARSHALL Mike	13 Lawn Meadow Ruishton Taunton TA35JQ	Liberal Democrat
MCFARLANE Tam	17 Woodlands Drive Ruishton Taunton TA35JU	The Labour Party Candidate

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - This will be held in Ruishton Village Hall on **Thursday 12 May at 7pm** this year, when in addition to the statutory agenda items, discussions will take place as to how parishioners would like to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. You may recall our Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002 when we had a 'Parish Party in the Park', which included a picnic, children's sports, hog roast, dancing to live music and a firework display. If we are to do some event along similar lines we will again need a band of volunteers and some fund raising events beforehand.