

# **RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER 2011**

The **VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW** tickets are renewable by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at a cost of £5.00 yearly. All existing ticket holders will be invited to renew, anyone else wishing to purchase a ticket (there are always a few spares) should contact Norma Hemburrow on 442040

### **VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW OCTOBER**

£25	No 93	Mr W Shattock 5 Dinhams
£10	No 23	Mr S Jackson 9, Boons Orchard
£5	No 167	Mrs M Francis 8 Orchard Rise

The **WHIST DRIVE** in October will be on Wednesday 26th and in November will be on Wednesday 23rd. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The November BINGO will be on Wednesday 9th. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £60, a nice win for someone with Christmas coming, could it be you! ;)

Still time to get your tickets for the **Taunton Operatic Charity Singers** on Friday October 28th at 7.30pm. They will be performing songs from the shows. There will be some nibbles on the tables and a bar (please do not bring your own drinks). Tickets available from Sheila on 442860 or Mavis 442427 price £6.

**Woodlands Pre-School's** early bird **Christmas Fayre** is on Thursday 17th November 7- 9pm at Ruishton Village Hall. A great opportunity to make a start on your Christmas shopping away from the hustle and bustle of the town. Great stalls including Hairlines, Orchard Toys, Usborne Books, cards jewellery and craft stalls, cakes and many more, raffle, mulled wine and refreshments available. For more information ring Charleane on 444112

The next **JUMBLE SALE AND AUCTION** is on Saturday November 26th at **12noon** at the Village Hall. Please can you have a turn out for us, this one is in aid of the local churches in Ruishton and Thornfalcon. Contact Liz (443369) if you want anything collected.

**NOVEMBER HEALTH WALK** This is the last one of 2011 and will be on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am from the village hall car-park. For those who would like, I thought that lunch in the Ruishton Inn after the walk would be a pleasant way to end this year's walks For more walk details contact Pat Pike on 442609

### **Flower Show AGM**

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's show such a success - the helpers, the advertisers & sponsors, the judges, and of course all those who entered the show.

If you are interested in the Flower Show, please come along to the AGM. This will be held at the Village Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7:15pm. Everyone welcome.

After Christmas **CARDS** will be presenting their **2012 Pantomime**, this time it is **ROBINSON CRUSOE**. Dates are Tuesday 14th Feb. to Saturday 18th Feb. 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2pm. Box Office opens for ticket sales on Jan 1st 2012, phone Stewart on 442115.

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

**ALL ITEMS FOR THE December 2011 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011, or e-mail [ruishton\\_magazine@hotmail.com](mailto:ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com)**

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on Monday 14th November at 2.30pm at Sally's house. Sally McEwen 442733.

RUISHTON ROWCOUNTERS Our next meeting will be on Weds 16th November at 2.00pm at Edna's home.

RATS (Ruishton Artists in TexStyles) We are a group of craft enthusiasts who work with fabric and thread. We are now meeting on the 2nd Mon of each month 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. in the VH committee room. Next meeting 14th November. If interested please 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 2pm. Next meeting is on Thursday 17th November. For further information contact Sally (442733).

THORN FALCON & DISTRICT W.I. The next meeting on Wednesday 16th November when Mrs Robshaw will present 'Life as an Artist's Model'. The competition is 'Your own piece of art work' Anne Cuff (442364).

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 Debbie Garland (970057)

### HELLO LADIES

Do you enjoy singing? Then please come and join us. We are Taunton Ladies Chorus (TLC) who are delighted to *have moved* our rehearsal *venue* to the Annexe at West Monkton Village Hall.

We are a well established friendly group of ladies who enjoy singing a wide variety of music (from Baroque to Rock) and are always ready to welcome new members of all ages.

If you are free on Tuesdays and would like an enjoyable evening singing then please come along.

For further details :ring: Jackie on 01823430325 or Kate on 01823 259828 or e-mail : [tlchorus@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tlchorus@hotmail.co.uk)

## "Christmas is Coming"

"Elmleigh", Lipe Lane, Henlade Thursday November 24th, 10am onwards

Christmas Confectionery, Gifts, Ceramics, Home-made Produce, Tree Ornaments, Toys, Cards and Gifts Tags, Raffles

*All in aid of 'Save the Children'*

# Allotment Gardens

Land has been identified that could be used for allotments. A small group from Creech St Michael and Ruishton are looking into the possibility of renting the land and approaches have been made to the land agents, if they are successful we could have space for up to 100 plots for local people to rent.

In order to move things along so that funding can be applied for an Allotments Association will need to be formed and a chairman, treasurer and secretary elected, together with other committee members to steer the project.

So that this can happen in the shortest possible time a meeting of all people interested in having an allotment, or those who want information and may have one in the future, will be arranged in the near future.

It is intended that this will be a joint partnership between Creech St Michael and Ruishton & Thornfalcon parishes, including Henlade and Lower Henlade.

Opportunities like this do not come along very often and we believe that, if successful, it will give us the chance to achieve something worth while.

If you wish to express an interest in this project and put your name down for a plot please email [roy@rbulgin.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:roy@rbulgin.freeserve.co.uk) or telephone 442147 a.s.a.p.

Let us hope that negotiations are successful.

Roy Bulgin

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Things are progressing, various bands have been considered for the occasion and some have already been booked. A large marquee is also being booked.

As you will know these things all need deposits up front and so the committee urgently needs to raise some funds, as well as those promised by the Parish Council. There have been some suggestions on the fund-raising front but most will probably take place in the new year as the calendar starts to get crowded between now and Christmas. We want to make the actual events free to all who come on the day so we need to raise some money now to help finance some of these more expensive items. You will find attached to this newsletter an envelope in which we hope you will give a donation to enable us to start putting an exciting programme together for everyone to enjoy on the day.

Someone should come and collect the envelope from you during the course of the first two weeks in November, so please have it ready for us when we come. If you can't afford much then fine, but small donations do add up so please give us what you can. If for any reason your envelope is not collected then you can put it through my letterbox (address on front page) or to Peter Sherry at Seaton Cottage in Church Lane Gust at the back of the church), Karen Ryan at 10 Stearts Cottages or Mike Marshall at 13 Lawn Meadow.

In due course you will be able to see what is happening on Facebook, we will tell you when it is up and running.

Liz Harper

# RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN - DOUG LOWE 442453

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The Chairman (Cllr. Lowe) opened the meeting and introduced Nicola Dawson from SCC Civil Contingencies Unit who spoke about the need for a 'Large Scale Evacuation Planning' for Somerset - it was agreed in principle that the parish should take part and this will be discussed fully next spring, when more parishes have been approached and more details are available.

Steve Budd (Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee) gave details of what the committee hoped to achieve in the way of celebrations and for a lasting commemorative feature. The main celebrations will be held on the Sunday/Monday (3/4 June 2012) and it is hoped that all areas of the parish will participate in both the celebrations and fund raising events. The Parish Council will give a £1 k grant towards the cost at this stage, while the Village Hall Committee have agreed to waive the cost of hiring the committee room for meetings.

With regard to the waste bin along the Ruishton bus shelter, which has now been redecorated, the council have received requests not to remove this bin. After discussion it was agreed to ask the DLO not to remove this for the time being in order to monitor the perceived problem and to request their advice on a more appropriate type of bin. In the meantime may we request that dog owners do **not put their dog's mess in this litterbin.**

The Chairman and other councillors will meet with the SCC and police with regard to the speed of traffic on the A358 and phasing of lights at the end of Ruishton Lane.

County Cllr. Fothergill spoke highly of the newly reopened Taunton Museum and recommended that it is well worth visiting - from experience the cakes in the cafe are pretty good too!

*Mary Growtage*  
Clerk

## First newsletter as Chairman of the Parish Council

It has been a busy time since taking over the role from Richard House, who has done a great job in guiding us all on the Council, I just hope I will be able to do the same. We are very fortunate to have others on the council who look after our interests and all the villagers who have come forward to plan the celebrations for next year's Queen's 60th Jubilee. I am sure you will see many events coming up in the next few months and would ask you to give them your full support.

We are very grateful to Roy Bulgin for ensuring the playground and the toddler's area is now safe for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. If you should see him around the village just say to him what a wonderful job he has done. Our playing field and toddler area is one of the best in Taunton.

You will have seen the information on the Core Strategy and we can thank Mike Marshall who looks after our interests and loves to read one and a half inch thick documents. Mike has been asking lots of questions on our behalf to protect the village & the way we live in it.

You only have to look around you to see how very lucky we are to be able to just walk out our doors to the wonderful countryside surrounding us. Only a cycle ride into town and the surrounding area, but this could all change if the developers get their way and build all around us. If you do not want this to happen then start to help your parish council fight it because if you do not **YOU WILL HAVE HOUSES ALL AROUND YOU.**

One way to help prevent this happening is to send your email [adresstoourclerkruishtonpc@talktalk.net](mailto:adresstoourclerkruishtonpc@talktalk.net) to go our action mailing list. This would enable us to get information out to you quickly so that you know what is taking place in **Your** village.

Doug Lowe  
(Chairman of Parish Council)