

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW February

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The **March BINGO** will be on **Wednesday 14th**. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now to £60. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The **March WHIST** drive is on **Wednesday 28th** at 7.30pm.

THE **MARCH HEALTH WALK** will be on **Weds 7th** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park and is up to 1.5 hours in duration, the Ruishton Walk from the Village Hall will be on **Weds 21st also at 10.30**. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads. For more information please ring Pat Pike on 442609 or Andy Smith on 444815 .

Our next **VILLAGE HALL QUIZ** will be on **Saturday March 10th at 7.30pm** so wonder what will be sprung on us this time from Mike Marshall who is our quiz master. £2 per person, tables of 4. Bring your own drinks, coffee and tea and some snacks will be available to buy at half time.

Our next **JUMBLE SALE** is on **Saturday 24th March at 12 noon**. We appreciate it if you can bring jumble to the village hall on either Friday 23rd between 8.00 pm and 9.00pm or on the Saturday morning before 10.30am. If you need stuff collected then contact Liz on 443369 or Norma on 442040 .

Coming up on **Thursday April 12th** we have the pleasure of being entertained by the **Yorkshire Mixtures**. They are a choir from Yorkshire who are doing various concerts in the area and enjoying a holiday at the same time. It will not be a concert where you have to be serious and concentrate to listen and the leader Tony Jermy likes a laugh. So should be an entertaining evening. Starting at **7pm and finishing around 9pm**. There will be a break in the middle for light refreshments which will be provided as part of the entrance cost. Tickets available at £5 per person from Liz (443369) or any member of the Village Hall committee.

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB: We meet at **RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL** every Tuesday Evening from 7pm & 9pm, and Friday Afternoon between 2pm & 4pm.

Come along, to a trial session for £2 per session for up to 4 weeks, before you become a club member, and then decide if you want join our friendly social group. For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs 01823 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 01823 442876 (Chairman)

MAH JONG Fancy a change on Monday afternoons. Every Monday (except bank holidays) (2pm to 5pm), at Ruishton village hall. Instruction for beginners.

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers At our last meeting we had a very interesting talk on the West Somerset Railway. Members were told by Ian Coleby, the speaker at their February meeting, that the possibility of passengers travelling from the Metropolis to Minehead by train is a realistic prospect for next year. He said that whilst the West Somerset Railway's rolling stock was restricted from travelling on the main line plans were being made for the trains, which normally terminated at Taunton, to travel to Bishops Lydeard. This will enable passengers to continue their train journey on the WSR. Ian, a winemaker, who has been a member of the WSR for 35 years, a volunteer signalman for many of them, and is now the chairman, gave an extremely interesting illustrated talk on the history and running of this £3m enterprise. He showed numerous slide with historical pictures and compared them with the current days.

The next meeting of the Circle will be at Ruishton Village Hall, 7.30 pm on Tuesday the 13th March and visitors, including non-wine makers are welcomed.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 2018 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, 20 Newlands Road, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Friday 16th March 2018 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

RATS (Ruishton Artists in TexStyles) We are a group of craft enthusiasts who work with fabric and thread. We are now meeting on the **3rd Mon of each month 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.** in the Village Hall meeting room. For more information about our regular meetings ring Rosemary (442039)

TAUNTON & DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP CLUB We are a club offering a wide range of social activities for the over 50s, so why not come along and try us out at our next meeting on **Thursday 15th March**, at Ruishton Village Hall. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club Our book this month was 'A Long Way Down' by Nick Hornby. It is a dark comedy about four people who plan to jump off the same roof on New Year's Eve. It's hard to 'jump' when you have an audience, so instead they join together as a gang and give themselves six weeks to find valid reasons to live. The book is constructed in the form of four alternating monologues, the main characters representing a range of humanity. This book has been described as hilarious, provocative and moving. We found it wasn't outrageously funny but perceptive and intense. We will be meeting next on Wednesday 14th March at 10.30am. The book we will be discussing on that date will be 'The Music Shop' by Rachel Joyce. If you would like any further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

In stitches @ St George's will next meet on **Friday 9th March between 10am and 12noon** in the Ruishton Church Meeting Room. Newcomers are always welcome and anyone who enjoys knitting or crotchet should just come along. For further information ring Muriel Coles 443019

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Ruishton and Creech Brownies urgently need additional adult help with their thriving Unit. 2 of their current Guiders are having to reduce the amount of help they can give. You would be welcome to visit us at Brownies one Friday night to see what we do. If you think you would like to help, Please contact Kay for further details.

If you wish to put your daughter's name on any of the waiting lists please contact:
Guides Cath Ellis (442398), Brownies Kay Allen (444426), Rainbows Cath Ellis (442398)

Ruishton Village Day 21st July 2018 We would like to thank everyone who has supported Village Day in the last 35 years, looking forward to our 36th year in 2018 and hope to have the same support from helpers, stall holders and everyone who comes to see us on the day. We are always looking for attractions so give me a shout if you have any ideas, also we are looking for new stalls to add to our usual ones such as plants, crafts, bakery or any other ideas, give me a ring if you could fill a gap. We are pleased to be able to give a donation towards the defibrillator planned for the village. Your support for village day has made this possible, whilst still leaving sufficient funds for this year's village day. MORE NEXT TIME. Thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton also Paul at the Carpet Shed Ilminster. John Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 21st July 2018 Thanks to all who participate and help. Once again Taunton and District Canine Society have agreed to run the dog show for 2018, their experience is invaluable. We will announce our judge later. Thanks to our supporters Hannah's Hairlines Sallon, Ruishton also Craig at Western Fuel Supplies Bridgwater. John Elston 442568

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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAY ENGLAND - A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION FOR THE ABOVE SCHEME

The Council discussed and agreed the Council's preferred route would be a combination of the 3 options, pink, blue and orange as follows:

Pink route: from Southfields roundabout to Junction C.

This route will pick up traffic from the A378 (Langport road) as otherwise this traffic would use the existing A358 through Henlade

Blue route: from pink route Junction C, cut across to the blue route to Junction D.

This route compared to the pink route will not go through Lower Henlade as the pink route will have an adverse effect on air quality, severance of the community with possible compulsory purchases.

Orange route: from blue route Junction D, pick up the orange route to Junction F.

The pink & blue routes will provide a Henlade bypass and a connection (spur) to Nexus 25. However, to use the pink or the blue route entirely will not ease the congestion on the junction J25 roundabout as there is likely to be a build-up of traffic at peak times with delays as traffic not going to Nexus 25 will be using the spur road to access the M5. The Council considered it was important to have another 'all movement' junction to access the M5 to travel north and south. Vehicles that are going to Taunton town will likely to use Junction F, travel north to J25 and access Taunton by this route as it is the quickest.

The Council will respond by letter with emphasis for a Henlade bypass and an all movement junction second junction on the M5

The Consultation ends on 27 February 2018. **It is very important that you respond to the consultation by this date.** Please note that you can have a 'mix and match' of two or three opinions although this is not made clear in the documentation issued by Highway England.

A COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There are two vacant seats on the Council. So, could you help keep Ruishton & Thornfalcon a vibrant, good place to live by becoming a Parish Councillor? You could be in at the 'grass roots' level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted! You could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.

Being a councillor, you would attend meetings and generally keep up to date with things or you could be more active and take on a responsibility in an area that interests you.

Any person interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Heather Bryant by phone 01460 234770 or e-mail ruishtonpc@gmail.com for more information. Or speak to a present Councillor.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT CREECH CASTLE JUNCTION IN TAUNTON

At the last meeting, the Council had a presentation from representative of Somerset County Council - Highways and Transport Commissioning Team for a highway improvement scheme at Creech Castle Junction in Taunton. This was followed by a question and answer session

It was reported on why it is needed, the objectives and the options considered. It was noted that there was emphasis on safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians. The cost of the scheme is estimated at £8m with a cost/benefit ratio of 7:1 which is high value for money. There will be a formal Consultation where they will collate all feedback and come up with a final design. The procurement process is scheduled for Winter 2018/19 and to start Summer 2019. The scheme will take three years. The Council will inform parishioners when the Consultation starts

DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2018

7.3.18, 4.4.18, 2.5.18, 6.6.18, 4.7.18, 1.8.18, 5.9.18, 3.10.18, 7.11.18, 5.12.18

Council Meetings commence at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) and are held in Ruishton Village Hall.

There is an opportunity at 7.30pm for the public to make comments or ask questions. A full set of minutes can be seen on our website at www.ruishton.org.uk

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Neighbourhood Plan - link to the website www.Ruishton.org.uk <<http://www.Ruishton.org.uk>> and to the Facebook page "Ruishton, Thornfalcon & Henlade".



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who completed the Housing Needs Survey. Everyone's contributions will now be collated and a report will be compiled by Taunton Deane Borough Council which we will receive in a few months. If you missed out this time, don't worry, this won't be your only opportunity to have your say during the Neighbourhood Plan process

If you would like to find out more about our Parish Neighbourhood Plan, please visit the Parish website www.ruishton.org.uk, or you can email or speak to one of the following people:

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Pots to Pedestals

At the end of January, St George's Church, Ruishton hosted a brilliant floristry work-shop, led by Tara Huffman from Farway, near Honiton. Eleven ladies from all three churches in the Benefice, spent an industrious and lively morning creating a variety of beautiful arrangements for their respective churches. Tara showed us how to produce stunning floral arrangements to fill the window sills, font and pedestals, as well as the smaller spaces both inside the church and in the porch. Tara's enthusiasm and expertise not only helped us to improve our floristry skills, but also gave us the confidence to create some larger and more imaginative displays.

We are very grateful to everyone who took part in the work-shop and to Donna Nicholls who kindly kept us supplied with the essential coffee, cake and biscuits. The team of florists will be decorating our churches on a regular basis and if you are interested in joining us, please come along to our next work-shop session at St George's – 'Preparing for Easter' – on Saturday, March 31st at 10.00 am. Alternatively, please contact Sue Sherry – susansherry150@gmail.com.

We rely entirely on your donations for our flowers and are always grateful for contributions. Perhaps you would like to donate some money or flowers in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special anniversary. You can leave money in the 'Flower Fund' box just inside the door of St George's Church or you can contact me by e-mail or telephone (01823 442915).

Sue Sherry (Church Flower Organiser)