

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW

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The Village Hall AGM will be held on Thursday September 24th at 7.30pm. New members for the committee are needed either as a representative of an organisation or otherwise, we would love you to volunteer! We need you!

The September BINGO will be on Wednesday 9th. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £55. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The September WHIST DRIVE is on Wednesday 23rd. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

Our next **JUMBLE SALE and AUCTION** will be on Saturday 12th September at 12 noon. Items can be collected by ringing Norma on 442040 or Liz on 443369 or bring to the Village Hall on Saturday morning before 10.00 am. Please think of us when you turn out, the village hall needs the funds to keep the place running so that it is available for us all to use.

Our next **VILLAGE HALL QUIZ** will be on Saturday September 19th at 7.30pm so start getting those brains in gear when we will be once again pleased to welcome Mike Marshall as our quiz master. Mike is great at entertaining us with unexpected topics so come and find out what he has up his sleeve for us this time. £2 per person tables of up to 4. There is usually the odd person willing to make up a team if you are unable to get a foursome.

HEALTH WALKS There will be 2 walks in September on Wed September 2nd at 10.30 am from Creech Canal car park and on Wed September 16th at 10.30am from the Village Hall car park. Walks are up to 1.5 hours in duration. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads. For more information please ring Andy Smith on 444815 or Pat Pike on 442609

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

We meet twice a week at Ruishton Village Hall on a Tuesday evening between 7 - 9pm and Friday afternoon between 2 - 4pm with a social half time tea & coffee break. You can attend at which ever sessions are convenient to you. In addition to Carpet Bowls, once a month we play **Target Bowls** at the start of the main bowls meeting where the members take it in turn to aim three bowls each at a large plastic bullseye target placed at one end of the bowling carpet, and the member with the highest score from three bowls wins a bottle of wine. Our next meetings after the summer break will be Tues 1st Sept 7-9pm, and Friday 3rd Sept 2-4pm. Our Friendly Club Welcomes New Members, for further details contact: 01823 442876 Derek Garrett Chairman.

See page 5 for reports on Village Day, Dog show and Flower Show, also the 'Yarn Bombing' event.

CREECH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (to include Ruishton, Henlade and Stoke St Mary), a meeting will be held in Ruishton Village Hall on Sept 8th at 7.00pm, to discuss the needs of residents in this locality. This would be a community run scheme and volunteers will be needed to drive the vehicle. A meeting has been held in Creech and some volunteers came forward but many more will be needed. If you can help in any way with driving, administration, rotas and other roles please contact Dave or Kelly Durdan on 01823 442946/ 07789871856 or at the meeting.

TAUNTON DEANE COUNCIL have issued a news release to residents to be aware of bogus calls on Council Tax. The caller states that they are from a company which for a fee, can arrange to reduce the household's Council Tax for them. This company is **NOT** working for TDBC, nor do TDBC have any companies working for them in this way, and we advise you to end the call straightaway.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE September 2015 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Wednesday 16th September 2015, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

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

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 VH committee 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. Next meeting **Thursday 17th September**. For further information contact Sally (442733).

RUISHTON BOOK CLUB Our latest book, The Glass Blowers by Daphne du Maurier, gave us a new insight into the French Revolution and we talked around the subject for ages. We have changed our meeting time to WEDNESDAY 10.30 AM and have new members joining us on September 9th. If you would like to join as well, please phone Viv Streeter 443103. I have spare copies of our read for September which is Fractured by Dani Atkins, or just come along and meet us!

Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle meet in the committee room at the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday. For further information please contact Peter on 251110 or Jean on 256265.

Ruishton Coffee Stop meets every Tuesdays between 9.45 and 11.15 in the Church meeting room, come along and join us for 10 minutes or 90 minutes all are welcome. Phone Liz 443369 if you want more details.

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Following an enjoyable breakfast in July, there is to be another breakfast on Saturday 17th October at the Taunton Harvester on the Blackbrook business park. Coffee, tea on the go from 8 am and then about 8.15 we can tuck into a full English or continental breakfast, and end with a short talk by Eric Bond on his hobby of Meccano model making; he will bring one of his models as a demonstration. It will all end between 9.30 and 9.45 am.

Cereals and fruit, full English, toast, coffee and tea – all unlimited quantities and all for £7.10, or a continental instead of full English option is available for £5.10! For more details contact either Richard Partridge on 443320 and at richardpartridge77@yahoo.co.uk or Michael Hayes on 444766 and at mhhayes.7@btinternet.com



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The winning entry for the Scarecrow competition came from the Madeley family in Cheats Road. It doesn't look as if these two scarecrows have got off to a good start in their married life!

Flower Show

Record entries, a Scarecrow Trail and fine weather all made for another great Show! The Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this year's show; those who helped with the preparation - schedule distribution, raffle, posters, setting up etc, and those who helped on the day and of course most importantly those who entered the show. We should also like to give a mention to those businesses, individuals and anonymous donors for the outstanding raffle prizes this year.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on show day, if you are interested please phone Lilian on 01823 442294

Ruishton Village Day held on 18th July 2015

Despite having our hut broken into and losing many items to burglars, the village day went ahead as normal. We replaced all the necessary items in time for the show. We had a good turnout and thanks to you all for your generosity in putting lots of money in the buckets at the gate, the best ever. Thankyou to the volunteers who came down to set up and clean up afterwards. Also thanks to all who manned the gates and car parking etc. we could not manage without you. Due to having to replace equipment stolen we are unable to donate any surplus money to local causes this year. Please note there is nothing of value kept in the hut any longer. One of our sponsors Paul Hawkins has pulled out of future sponsorship and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him and Linda for their generosity over the years. Paul Clothier of Ilminster will be our sponsor together with Roy Bulgin for next year our thanks to them both. J Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show held on 18th July 2015. Despite there being several other dog shows on the same day in the area, Taunton Canine Association looked after us very well. We had as many entries as last year. Our thanks to all our helpers and Victoria Woods—The Judge. We have asked Taunton Canine Association to run the 2016 show and await their answer. More later on the outcome. Special thanks to our sponsors: Hannah of Hairlines, Ruishton and Craig of Western Fuel Oils, Bridgwater. J Elston 442568

Another recent winner was the arch entered by "In stitches @St George's" Ruishton.

They won the cup in the Taunton Live Festival for "Yarn Bombing". The arch plus other floral tributes were displayed at St Georges church from Village Day to the beginning of August it was then taken to the Flower Show as the winner of this event (see photo). The competition in Bath Place Taunton was stiff, so to win was a tribute to all who worked on the arch making flowers, snails, bees, butterflies etc. but in particular to Muriel Coles for her effort in organising and putting the project together. A lot of work took place in Janet Fowler's garage in Lawn Meadow tying all the flowers on the arch. You may have seen the arch being walked through the village to the church! So thanks to Janet for the use of her garage and to Philip Greenslade who took it to the flower show. A real community effort.

"In stitches @ St George's", whilst basking in the success of having won the cup, (crocheted of course!), is in the process of reforming into something more permanent. This is likely to be a knit (or crotchet) and natter group, meeting monthly in the church meeting room at Ruishton. Please let Muriel Coles (443019) know if you are interested in joining .



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The Parish Council co-opted and welcomed Andy Bowey as a new Councillor at the meeting held on 5th August however, the Council still has three more seats to fill. 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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURAL LEVY (CIL)

Regulations have come in force that Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) will charge CIL on new dwellings, new retail outlets and large extensions. As part of the CIL Regulations, TDBC must pass 15% of all CIL collected in the parish to the parish council. This 15% is capped at £100 per council tax dwelling. This is called the Meaningful Proportion. Where a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted, this Meaningful Proportion increases to 25% uncapped.

The Parish Council will be looking at the concept of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and this will be discussed further at the next meeting in September

PARK AND RIDE

The Council has been monitoring the unauthorised encampments on this site – 3 occasions this year to date and have been strongly campaigning to improve the security and the facilities. The Council has been informed that Somerset County Council will look at the costs in their Autumn budget for a permanent solution

OVERHANGING HEDGES/VEGETATION ON THE HIGHWAY

Somerset Highways undertakes highway management throughout the County. One of their duties is to maintain highways as a safe environment for all road users. When hedges or other vegetation overhangs the highway, pedestrians can injure themselves from the impact with the vegetation and alternatively, pedestrians can be forced towards the carriageway, which can result in an increased risk of an accident. Responsibility, for cutting back vegetation lies with the owner/occupier of the property fronting the highway.

It is the Parish Council's responsibility to report such offending vegetation to Somerset Highways. If Somerset Highways considers there is a risk from overhanging growth, the owner/occupier will receive a letter from the Somerset Highways asking for the offending growth to be removed within 21 days.

Therefore, it would be appreciated if your property has a hedge that is overhanging on the footway or road, if you could cut it back as soon possible before the need to send you a letter.

ADOPT A PARISH PATH

Fed up with overgrown stiles and gates? Can't see signposts and waymarks? Do you tend to walk the same path regularly? If so why not adopt a path by helping to cut back vegetation from signs, gates and stiles and report any problems you encounter to a local Adopt-a-path Co-ordinator. The scheme is open to everyone between 18 and 75 years old. You would be provided with gloves and tools plus covered under an insurance policy while carrying out the role. If interested, please visit www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway or email rowvolunteers@somerset.gov.uk or telephone 0300 123 2224

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2015/16

2.9.15	7.10.15	4.11.15	2.12.15	6.1.16	5.2.16	5.3.16
2.4.15	7.5.16					

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 our website at www.ruishton.org.uk.com

Parish Clerk: Mrs Heather Bryant, Northay House, Northay, Chard. TA20 3DN. Tel: 01460 234770. Email: ruishtonpc@gmail.com

The Parish Council get answers about Taunton Deane Borough Council's large employment site proposal in Henlade

The Parish Council has been very concerned over the lack of consultation, lack of firm information and indeed misinformation about Taunton Deane Borough Council's proposal to allow a 25 hectare major employment site in Henlade adjacent to junction 25 of the M5 and its relation to the Government's plan to upgrade the A358. Therefore councillors of the parish council made an application for information under the Freedom of Information Act and held separate meetings with Rebecca Pow MP and the Leader of Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) John Williams and his officers. Below is a summary of the information gained:

- **Somerset County Council (SCC) will carry out the upgrade of the motorway roundabout early 2017 which will be in isolation of Highways England's upgrade of the A358 upgrade i.e. could be done before/after/during the A358 upgrade.**
- A358 – Highways England are currently involved in exploring & analysing options which is due to be completed by the end on 2017. This is preparatory work prior to a Preferred Option Announcement.
- **Bypass plans and routes are still being looked at by Highways England and these will not be finalised until 2017 therefore given timescales is likely to be built after the roundabout upgrade and therefore after the employment land in Henlade has come into use.**
- The upgrade of the motorway roundabout will include a spur off of it which will open up the land at Henlade for employment use on all or part of the site
- **Despite the impression previously been given by TDBC's Councillors the employment site is not dependent on a bypass being in place only on the upgrade to the motorway roundabout!**
- The 25 hectare employment site is expected to generate nearly 7,000 traffic movements every 12 hours. If a bypass is not in operation by the time the site is opened up this will significantly increase traffic through Henlade and add to the existing air quality problems.
- **It will also increase traffic through to Creech Castle and the Toneway where funding has not yet been secured to finance the necessary upgrades in those locations to deal with increased traffic.**
- TDBC intend to publish a draft management plan major Employment site March 2016 to show why they think that the site is suitable and needed. It will then be submitted after consultation to the Secretary of State for examination June 2016 and its adoption would be December 2016.

**Mike Marshall
Vice Chairman Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council**