

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW

£25 No 28 Mr R Harper 17 Newlands Rd
£10 No 82 Miss L Hunt 17 Coronation Close
£5 No 3 Mrs P Pratt 35 Woodlands Drive

The October BINGO will be on Wednesday 14th. 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 October WHIST DRIVE is on Wednesday 28th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

Ruishton Church is holding two events in October in Ruishton Village Hall. Advertised on the attached leaflet is "**THE BIG BREAKFAST**" on Saturday October 3rd from 9.00 to 11.30 am where you can come for breakfast or for coffee cakes and of course a natter, this is in aid of "Mercy Ships".

The second event is a **QUIZ** on Friday October 30th at 7.30pm tables of 4, £5 a head to include soft drinks and nibbles, coffee and tea. (Under 16s can accompany adults free and won't count towards the group of 4). If you are able to come but don't have a foursome there are usually some spare people to help make up a team. Mike Marshall will once again be our quiz master for the evening.

HEALTH WALKS There will be 2 walks in October on Wed October 7th at 10.30 am from Creech Canal car park and on Wed October 21st 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.

Coming up on November 14th at 12 noon is a **JUMBLE SALE** in the Ruishton Village Hall in aid of Ruishton and Thornfalcon village churches. Liz Harper (443369) is prepared to collect and store jumble for the event from the middle of October onwards.

The jumble sale in September raised just over £500 for Village Hall funds, thanks to everyone for their donations and to all our helpers.

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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

You can come along, and have a trial play as a guest for a small fee of £2 for each session, for up to 4 weeks, after which time an annual membership fee of £6 will be required, which also entitles you to a smaller fee of £1.50 per session. This also includes a free cup of tea, and a biscuit at half time. Come along, and give it a try, we are a friendly social group.

For further information phone Mavis Skeggs 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 442876 (Chairman)

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

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

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on **Monday 12th October at 2.30pm** at Margaret T)'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 15th October**. For further information contact Sally (442733).

RUISHTON BOOK CLUB We finished *Fractured* by Dani Atkins, a modern novel that gave us a real surprise ending, and are now reading *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Our next meeting is Wednesday 14 October at 10.30 a.m. Please phone if you would like a copy of the book to read and to come to our next meeting. Viv Streeter 01823 443103

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.

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285

Meals served 12.00-1.45

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Meet 7.15p.m. Further Information from Terry (442661) or Paul (01823-443757)

The Policing team that cover the Ruishton area are as follows:

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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 Cath Ellis (442398)

Taunton Mobile Library calls at Dinhams Farm Corner once every 4 weeks from **9.15 to 9.25**. Next visit **Wednesday October 14th**. It no longer goes into Ivy House.




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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

CASUAL VACANCIES

The Parish Council still has three vacancies on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Heather Bryant by phone 01460 234770 or e-mail ruishtonpc@gmail.com for more information. Or speak to a present Councillor.

20MPH ZONE

The Council would like to ask for residents views on a 20mph zone incorporating Newlands, Lawn Meadow and Cheats Road adjacent to the play area of the Recreational Ground before the Council investigates further. If you have an opinion or any views for or against, please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

RECREATIONAL GROUND

The Council is replacing the wooden fence around the Toddler's play area with a galvanised fence in a joint project with Ruishton Community Group. RCG group will remove the old wooden fence or what is left of it. (Please see Vandalism below) The new fence will be supplied and erected by an approved contractor during October. The Council has received a £500 grant from Deane Dragon fund towards this project.

The Council is also replacing the toddler's playhouse with a new playhouse. The Council has applied for a grant from Taunton Deane Borough Council towards this project. The new playhouse will be installed during October/November.

Every year the Council commission an Annual Inspection Report by an independent specialist. The inspection this year took place in August where there were several minor points highlighted but were all classed as 'low risk' or 'very low risk'. The Council will be rectifying these minor problems over the next few months

It has been reported there have been at least a couple of occasions where people are seen walking their dogs in the Recreational Ground. This is a reminder that there is currently a bylaw in place that no dogs are allowed in the RG. The Council is looking into providing clearer and larger signage to replace the ones in place at present.

VANDALISM

There has been a considerable amount of damage in the Recreational Ground. In the latest incident, panels of the wooden fence has been broken or 'kicked down'. This has been reported to the Police and they will be sending out patrols to monitor the situation but obviously they cannot be present all of the time. Also there has been other damage to the playground equipment and the surfacing over the last month or so. If you see anybody in the act of causing damage in the RG or anywhere in the parish, please phone the Police straight away on 999. Otherwise if you see any acts of vandalism in the Recreation Ground that have already taken place, please phone the Police on 101 anonymously if so wished or contact the Clerk or Cllrs Bulgin (442147) or Hancock (444080)

RED TELEPHONE BOX

Unfortunately this has been removed by BT without the Parish Council being consulted. A notice dated 28.11.14 was put in the phone box giving a 42 day notice to anyone who had any comments to contact Taunton Deane Borough Council Planning Department. TDBC then had 90 days to respond to BT.

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Parish Council did contact TDBC stating that we wished to be consulted. TDBC Planning Department confirmed that our request was 'on file' but at that point they had not received any correspondence from BT. Over the next few months the Parish Council checked on a number of occasions with TDBC Planning Department but the answer was always the same that they had not been contacted by BT. The phone box was removed by BT on 5.8.15. Again the Council checked with TDBC on 6.8.15 and still no correspondence could be found so the Parish Council checked with BT and was told that BT was given permission on 17.3.15 by TDBC to remove the telephone box. Clearly there has been a breakdown in communication between BT and TDBC. At the end of the day BT would have probably removed the telephone box anyway but this parish was denied the chance of consultation. This Council is at present waiting for a response from TDBC on their investigations as they said they would try to track down the correspondence from BT.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council is looking into creating a Neighbourhood Plan. The Council appreciate that Neighbourhood Plans require a significant amount of time and expertise. They can be very expensive to produce and must be community led which will involve members of the community and not just parish councillors. A Planning Policy Officer from TDBC is attending our next meeting on 7th October to give us guidance and the pro's and cons' of producing a NP. There will be a question and answer session for members of the public as well as the parish councillors. Please come along if you can as this is a very important matter for the parish and its future.

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2015/16

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 on 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

Goosey Lane

On Saturday September 12th a working party of twelve Ruishton volunteers set about weeding the lane, the verges and cutting back the overhanging branches and brambles. At times we did have to take cover under the old Horse Chestnut tree to avoid getting soaked by the very heavy showers. It was a very productive morning and we finished at about 11 o'clock with a cup of tea which was kindly provided by Dave and Carol Arrowsmith. We were also grateful to Dave and Sheena Morrow for allowing us to put the cuttings on their bonfire.

We are looking for some more plants/bulbs which can tolerate shade.

If you have any available or if you would like to help in the future, please let me know on telephone number 442915.

Thankyou to all those who came along to help.

Peter Sherry

New bus service by Webber. Webbers are diverting their number 27 bus through Creech Heathfield and Ruishton at the start and end of the day see below.

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Bridgwater Bus Station	0739	0739	Ruishton, Lane Cottages	1648	1648
North Petherton	0754	0754	Creech St Michael, Sycamore Wk	1654	1654
Creech Heathfield	0809	0809	Creech Heathfield,	1659	1659
Creech St Michael, Sycamore Wk	0814	0814	North Petherton	1711	1711
Ruishton, Lane Cottages	0820	0820	Bridgwater Bus Station	1735	1735
Ilminster Road	0830	0830	Pawlett
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Castle Way	0850	0840	Burnham, Pier Street