

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015



VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW NOVEMBER

£25 No 166 Mr A Bawden, 6 Boons Orchard

£10 No 147 Mrs J Bulgin 9 Newlands Grove

£5 No 67 Mrs P Mills 7 Woodlands Drive



The December BINGO will be on Wednesday 9th. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £70 Just right for Christmas! Extra prizes in the Christmas Bingo!

There will be no **WHIST DRIVE** in December .

The December Health Walks. There will be 1 walk in December– Wednesday December 2nd at 10.30 from Creech Canal 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 Pat Pike on 442609 or Andy Smith on 444815 .

Ruishton Church is holding a **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND FAYRE FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCHESES** in the Village Hall on December 5th 11am-2.00pm. There will be stalls including new and nearly new, books, bottle tombola, raffles and Christmas cards. We will be doing light lunches from 12 noon: for example home made soup, baked potatoes with assorted fillings, and some puddings all reasonably priced. No need to book. Contributions to stalls welcome, (Phone Liz 443369.)

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE was popular again last Christmas and will take place in the Village Hall on Friday December 18th at 7pm. This is a celebration of Christmas with home grown family entertainment, organised by the Village Hall Committee. If you have a party piece lasting just a few minutes and would like to take part please get in touch. Tickets are now available £2 for adults and £1 for children, this will include a drink (mulled wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available) and mince pie in the break. Phone Liz on 443369 or Muriel on 443019 for tickets or to reserve them and collect at the door.

BUSHY CROSS NURSERY are having a closing down sale at the nursery on Saturday November 28th between 10am and 4pm. All welcome.

RUISHTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB Due to the enormous response for new membership last month, we are now unable to take any more on our Friday afternoon session, as we are now at full capacity on all 3 mats. However new members are welcome to join our Tuesday evening sessions at 7pm-9pm and will be made very welcome. We will be closed for our Christmas Break from 18th Dec - 5th Jan 2016. For further information phone Mavis Skeggs 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 442876 (Chairman) .

Coming up in February will be **CARDS 2015 PANTOMIME** which will be **SINBAD THE SAILOR**. The Panto will run at Ruishton Village Hall from Wednesday 17th February to Saturday 20th February each evening at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.00 pm. **Tickets on sale from 2nd January 2015**. Adults £6, Concessions £4.50. Family £17. Box Office Joan 01823 443330

Driving along Ruishton Lane on dark mornings and evenings, it is at times very difficult to see people who are walking or cycling wearing dark clothing, for everyone's safety please try and wear something bright and visible in poor light.

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2015 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Tuesday 15th December 2015, or e-mail ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on **Monday 14th December at 2.30pm** at Valerie'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 December**. For further information contact Sally (442733).

RUISHTON BOOK CLUB The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown lost many of us trying to follow the complex detail of symbology! However we made it to the end and enjoyed discussing it at our meeting. Our next book is set in 1917, My Dear, I wanted to tell you by Louisa Young. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am. Phone Viv Streeter on 01823 443103 if you would like to come along!

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.

Caroline & Malcolm wish all their customers a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Bookings now being taken for Christmas Parties and for Christmas Day at The Ruishton Inn. Menus behind bar. Senior Citizens Christmas lunch Wed/Thurs 16th/17th December. Booking required 2 courses £8.50 Winter Special until March Fish Chips & Peas £5.00 Tuesday Evenings.

THE RUISHTON INN Tel:442285
Meals served 12.00-1.45
(not Monday)
Evenings 6.00-9.00
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Creecch St Michael gardening club
16th December "All this and hens as well" held
at CStM Primary School.
Meet 7.15p.m. Further Information from Terry
(442661) or Paul (01823-443757)

The Policing team that cover the Ruishton area
are as follows:
PS 2631 - Huw Jenkins – 07889 657890
PC 1146 - Maria Jennings – 07889 658000
PCSO 8784 - Lynsey Gamblin – 07889 655212
PCSO 9981 – Steve Chapman – 07889 655196
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a crime or for any non emergency calls please tele-
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RUISHTON GUIDING
If you wish to put your daughter's name on any of the wait-
ing 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 visits **Wednesday December**
9th



Items for sale or one off adverts 50p a line

- Toddler bed and bedding** to include duvet with Peppa Pig cover and pillowcase +fitted sheet and curtains to match £20. Phone 444956
- Computer desk** with side storage and place for a printer also **black computer chair** £15. Phone 444956.
- Easy chair rust colour.** As new £65 ono Phone 442432


Wanted Ruishton School urgently need a cleaner for a few hours a day phone the school on 442832.

Hairlines Come and join Hairlines after Christmas to see the exciting refurbished salon!! We are holding a grand opening between 4pm and 8pm on Friday 8th January 2016!
Come along for drinks, nibbles, and a chat with Hannah and the team. Maybe we can give you a fantastic 'new look' for the New Year! Discounts on great products and services throughout January. Pop in and say hello!!

Come along to the **Tuesday Coffee Stop** in the church meeting room on December 1st for some coffee and cakes and see the range of special Christmas cards for sale. Open to all from 9.45 to 11.30.

In stitches @ St Georges Our next knitting /crotchet group will meet 10 – 12 am on Dec 11th in the Church Meeting Room. We are now starting to plan our project for 2016, so if you enjoy knitting or crotchet (or would like to learn how) please come and join us. Muriel Coles 443019.

Ruishton Church would like to help spread the joy of the Christmas message through the village this Christmas. Nativities in a shoebox will be moving from home to home, staying just one night before being passed on to another home. Each Nativity will also contain some prayers and a board game. If you would like your home to be a part of this Christmas journey please ring Margaret (412064).



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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Parish Council co-opted and welcomed three new Councillors at the last meeting, Robert Powell, Maurice Murphy and Anthony Parsons. The Council now has the full complement of twelve Parish Councillors. If you require an up to date list of Councillors, their contact details and responsibilities, please visit the web site, details below.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council agreed to set up a meeting with Stoke St Mary PC to look at initially setting up a Steering Group as a joint Neighbourhood Plan. This will still require a major input from resident volunteers to be involved. The Council would like to ask if you would be willing to be a member of a Steering Committee in the first instance – we do need a number of residents to put themselves forward to share the workload. For more information about Neighbourhood Planning for Ruishton & Thornfalcon, please look on the website at the address below. Two information documents are on the web site that Ann Rhodes presented at October Parish Council meeting. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk on the email address or phone no. below.

SURVEY ON A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

A survey form will be delivered to households in the locations below asking:

‘In the interests of Highway and School safety, the Council is investigating the possibility of a 20mph zone in the vicinity of the Primary School. The areas of the proposed zone will be Newlands Grove, Newlands Road, Newlands Crescent and Lawn Meadow’.

The Council require a simple ‘Yes or ‘No’ answer if your household support this concept or not. Please take the time to fill in the survey and deliver the completed form to specified dropping off points which will be included on the form.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVISE (SID)

The Council has received a SID report for Stoke Road taken between 28th September and 12th October. This revealed that the 85thile speed was 38mph which is 2mph above the intervention limit of 36mph. The site will continue to qualify for a SID installation on a regular basis

RECREATIONAL FIELD PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT

A new fence has been erected around the toddler’s play area, a new toddler playhouse and replacement safety surface in some areas have been completed during October/November. The Council is pleased with the standard of work. This was at a cost of £16,500 although the Council has received some grant funding for this project.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL NEW PHONE NUMBER

There is now a single phone number for all enquiries to Somerset County Council which is 0300 123 2224. Calls to the old 0845 numbers are being transferred directly to the new number but from 1 November calls to the old numbers will be asked to redial.

BUS SERVICES & CONCESSIONARY FARES CONSULTATION

The County Council is facing major budget challenges which mean the future of transport funding will be reviewed. This includes reviewing the bus services they subsidise and concessionary fares policy.

S.C.C. has launched two consultations on the future of the bus services which contain full details of the proposed changes. To complete the survey online visit the website below or phone 0300 123 2224 to have the surveys posted to you.

www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionaryfareconsultation www.somerset.gov.uk/bussubsidysurvey

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2015/16

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.

The Council would like to wish all the parishioners a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

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

RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIRMAN DOUG LOWE 442453
VICE CHAIRMAN MIKE MARSHALL 442294

COUNCILLORS

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS D. DURDAN 442946 and K. DURDAN 443776

COUNTY COUNCILLOR R. HENLEY 665988

SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FOOTPATHS	HANCOCK
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RECREATION FIELD	BULGIN AND HANCOCK
SAFETY ISSUES	MULLINS
POLICE CONTACT	MARSHALL and CLERK
PRESS	MARSHALL and LOWE
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THORNFALCON	MR RICHARD HOUSE
RIVERBANK	LOWE
LOCAL/STRUCTURE PLAN	BULGIN and MARSHALL
VILLAGE HALL REP'	HARPER
FLOOD COMMITTEE REP'	HANCOCK
TREE WARDEN	HARPER

KEY HOLDERS:

RECREATION FIELD BULGIN AND LOWE
VILLAGE HALL HARPER and LOWE

POLICE CONTACT PCSO LYNSEY GAMBLIN
07789753820

INFORMATION FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOMERSET

The Community Foundation for Somerset are once again organising their Surviving Winter grant scheme. People who receive a Winter Fuel payment from the government but who feel that they do not need to use it can donate it to the Community Foundation. The money is then passed on as grants to people in Somerset over 60 who are having difficulty meeting their winter fuel costs and who run the risk of becoming very cold. If you would like to donate please contact the Community Foundation direct 01749 344949 info@somersetcf.org.uk. If you would like to apply for a grant as you are finding it hard to meet your winter fuel bills or know of someone who is going to struggle this winter then please contact me so that we can discuss making an application for a grant.

Please remember that the fire service are very keen to make sure that every home has a working smoke alarm as these are so effective in preventing death by fire. They will visit elderly and sick or disabled people in their homes to install and check free smoke alarms so again contact me for referral to the Fire Service for this great free service.

Please feel free to contact me your Village Agent Audrey Mansfield on 07870 577925 or amansfieldva@somersetcc.org.uk