

# RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2016

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The January BINGO will be on Wednesday 13th. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £30. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The January WHIST DRIVE is on January 27th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm

Our next **JUMBLE SALE and AUCTION** will be on Saturday 30th January 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. Liz is prepared to collect jumble at any time to store until the next sale. So let us have your unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac.

The January Health Walks. There will be on Wednesday January 13th at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and one on Wednesday January 27th from Ruishton 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 Pat Pike on 442609 or Andy Smith on 444815 .

**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) .

We are going to be starting a **PRODUCE MARKET** in Ruishton Village Hall on the last Saturday of every month, starting on the 27th February, it will run from 10.00 - 12.00. We have a Butchers, Bakery, Fruit & Vegetables, Homemade Cakes also somebody doing Breakfasts and Refreshments. The stalls I'm looking for are cheese, plants and flowers, but if you think you have something to offer the Produce Market and would like a stall, please give me a call. Jane 01823 443350 or email [janesheavenlytiaras@hotmail.com](mailto:janesheavenlytiaras@hotmail.com)

Tickets for CARDS 2016 Pantomime, Sinbad the Sailor are available from January 2nd from Joan on 01823 443330. The Panto will run at Ruishton Village Hall from Wednesday 17th February to Saturday 20th February 2016 each evening at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.00pm. Adults £6, Concessions £4.50. Family £17. Box Office Joan 01823 443330

**Waste Collections over Christmas and the New Year** There will be no green bin collections between Monday 28th December and Friday 8th January. Natural Christmas trees will be collected if put out on normal black bin collection days but will be taken to landfill, or natural Christmas trees under 6ft can be put out for garden waste collection from 11th January. Pick-ups in week starting Monday 4 January will be one day later, up to and including those due on Friday 8 January, which will be made on Saturday 9 January.

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

**ALL ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2016 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016, or e-mail [ruishton\\_magazine@hotmail.com](mailto:ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com)**

**LADIES COFFEE CLUB** We meet this month on **Monday 11th January at 2.30pm** at Sally'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, so why not come along and try us out at our next meeting from 2-4 on **Thursday 21st January** when our speaker will be Raymond Budd who will be giving a talk on his experiences as a driving examiner. For more information contact Sally (442733).

**RUISHTON BOOK CLUB** 'My Dear I Wanted to Tell You' by Louisa Young was a moving book set in the first world war, and we were pleased to discover that there is a follow up book we can read to follow the fortunes of the main characters. Over Christmas we will read a Sherlock Holmes story, 'A Study in Scarlet', and our next meeting is Wednesday 13th January at 10.30am. From now we will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us in the new year please phone 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



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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)

## Items for sale or one off adverts 50p a line

1. **Flymo strimmer MiniTrim Contour XT. £15. 01823-442374.**

**Hairlines** Don't forget to pop in and see Hannah and the team between 4-8pm on the 8th January 2016 to see the exiting new refurb!! There will be lots going on from champagne and nibbles to Natasha Coles-  
makeup artist


coming in to show you the best techniques to look beautiful!! As of January the salon will be open on Thursdays 9-5m. Pop in or call us now to book your appointments, we look forward to see you!!

**In stitches @ St Georges** Our next knitting /crotchet group will meet 10 – 12 am on Jan 8th 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 GUIDING**

Brownies have recently enrolled 4 new girls and at the end of term said goodbye to 5 Brownies who will be moving on to Guides. During the last term we have visited the Fire station where they all got to have a go squirting water and had an excellent evening visit to the Museum as part of the Collector badge. They took part in the Remembrance Day service at Ruishton Church, reading prayers which they had written and will be singing at the Carols around the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall. We did 2 evenings of Christmas crafts and finished the term with a Christmas party. Ruishton Guides enjoyed an excellent Christmas camp to Alcombe Village Hall.

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## **RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL**

### SURVEY ON A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Council has received 48 replies so far (2.12.15) to the survey on resident's views in the areas of Newlands Grove, Newlands Road, Newlands Crescent and Lawn Meadow on a 20mph speed limit or zone. 46 residents were in favour of a 20mph limit or zone with just 2 against. Therefore with this positive result, the Council agreed to initially proceed to progress this project.

### HIGHWAYS

County Highways have been visiting parishes and filling the grit bins with rock salt. Unfortunately they removed the sand bags stored in the yellow bin at the corner of Carpenters Close and filled this bin with rock salt. This bin was purchased by the Parish Council to specifically store sand bags and is not on County Highways scheduled list for rock salt. County Highways will remove the rock salt and put back the sand bags.

County Highways will cut back the vegetation at Cheats Corner to improve the visibility.

County Highways will remove a split limb on a tree adjacent to the road from Cheats corner to Creech St Michael.

This will be done when the contractor carries out work on Cheats Corner.

Temporary Closure of Stoke Road from the junction with Ilminster Road for a distance of 45 metres. The Order becomes effective on 04 January 2016 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 4 weeks. Diversion signs will indicate an alternative route.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There is still a requirement for resident volunteers to be involved. The Council would like to ask if you would be willing to be a member of a Steering Committee – 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/ phone no. below or come to the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 meeting where the Neighbourhood Plan will be on the agenda,

### STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Taunton Deane Borough Council will be charging as part of the service delivery with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 as follows:

Category	Charge
Property Naming/Renaming	£50
New Individual Dwelling	£100
Developments (more than one plot/property)	£100 + £10 per plot
Changes to development layout	£10 per plot affected
Street naming at Residents request	£150 + £25 per plot

### COULD YOU HELP A CHILD OR TEENAGER IN 2016?

A New Year is the perfect time to embrace a new, life-changing challenge. Somerset's Fostering Service is seeking caring, enthusiastic individuals to come forward who are interested in becoming foster carers within their communities in 2016 – especially for children over the age of 10, teenagers, and siblings.

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### DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016

6.1.16                      3.2.16                      2.3.16                      6.4.15                      4.5.16                      1.6.16  
6.7.16

3.8.16                      7.9.16                      5.10.16                      2.11.16                      7.12.16

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](http://www.ruishton.org.uk.com).

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

## Latest Move by Taunton Deane Borough Council

**Taunton Deane Borough Council's plan to for a 60 acre major employment site in Henlade adjacent to junction 25 of the M5 has taken on a new twist!**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November the Parish Council were told out of the blue that it was the intention of Taunton Deane to deviate from the current planning process for this site to the use of a Local Development Order (LDO). **(LDOs are normally used to accelerate the delivery of new homes on Brownfield sites and not Greenfield employment sites.)**

They then proceeded with all speed to put this change before their Community Scrutiny Committee on 1st December which then passed it onto their Council Executive on the 3rd December and then to their Full Council on 15<sup>th</sup> December who agreed the move.

**The importance of the act of breaching the recognised boundary of urban Taunton, the M5 motorway, and placing a 60 acre employment site in open countryside in Henlade is something that cannot be taken lightly. It warrants proper and extensive consultation through the normal Development Plan process. The speed with which the new process has been decided upon gives the parish council the perception that the site is being "rail-roaded" through.**

***What does this use of a Local Development Order (LDO) mean?***

It will give only **very limited scope for public/stakeholder involvement.**

Unlike the Allocations Management Development Plan process which has been used for all the other sites in Taunton Deane, it is **not subject to an Examination in Public by an independent Inspector.**

Taunton Deane will in effect be **giving themselves outline planning permission.**

It will mean that the **council tax payers of Taunton Deane will have to fund the substantial, required, technical work** necessary to put a Local Development Order in place, where ordinarily this cost would be the responsibility of the developer.

***Anticipated outline timescales/key milestones update from TDBC:***

Anticipated that Planning approval / LDO for the site will be in place by autumn 2016

.No development boundary has yet been set.

An early design for the improved Junction 25 has been produced but not publically released.

This design is for a 'standalone' scheme to the A358, and serves a current need regardless of the any A358 improvements.

SCC's proposed Junction 25 scheme enables temporary access through the Park & Ride site for early development of the Employment Site – a spur road would be in place before first phase is occupied

It is anticipated that work on the Junction 25 roundabout will start in 2017 and take approximately 18 months to complete.

Highway England will have to fund any upgrade that may be needed to the roundabout due to the A358 upgrade funnelling more traffic from the A303 to J25 of the M5.

It is feasible that **an early phase of the Employment Site could come forward before all road improvements are fully completed.**

A358/ Henlade by-pass – anticipated that construction will commence no later than spring 2020

**Mike Marshall**

**Vice Chairman Ruishton & Thornfalcon Parish Council**