

# **RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER**

## **FEBRUARY 2016**

### **VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW DECEMBER**

£25 No 63 Lisa Newton 1 Orchard Rise  
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**THE VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU** Two members of the Village Hall Committee have recently retired and there are a few members who have reached the age when they are unable to give the time and energy they once did.

If you are able to give a few hours of your time to join our Committee and help with some of the various events organised by the Village Hall Committee, please ring the Chairman Stewart Thorne on 442115. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm.

The February BINGO will be on Wednesday 10th. Doors open at 7pm and its **EYES DOWN** at 7.30pm. The **SNOWBALL** is now £35. (Please note all participants must be over 16 years of age).

The February WHIST DRIVE is on February 24th. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

Our next **JUMBLE SALE and AUCTION** is 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 Sat. morning before 10.00 am.

The February Health Walks. These will be on Weds 3rd at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and one on Weds 17th 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:** See report on page 6

**Ruishton Village Day Flower Show Making Liqueurs!** on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm . See page 6 for more details.

The **Ruishton Inn** are taking part in the **WORLD'S BIGGEST QUIZ** on Sunday 7th February at 7.30. It is a charity event and we will be raising money for St Margaret's Hospice. It is organised through pubaid who help raise £1000s every year for charities and are attempting to break the Guinness World record attempt of the most pubs & people taking part in an event. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

There will be 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 and we are also 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 [janeshavenlytiaras@hotmail.com](mailto:janeshavenlytiaras@hotmail.com)

Tickets for **CARDS 2016 Pantomime**, Sinbad the Sailor are available now from Joan on 01823 443330. 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 2.00pm. Adults £6, Concessions £4.50. Family £17.

**Village Hall Activities Activities/bookings** in the Hall saw the usual December increase with the addition of both Village and private Christmas events. The Village Carol Concert was a major success, enjoyed immensely by all who attended. Contributions from a number of sources in the Village were excellent and well received. Pantomime rehearsals are in full swing making good use of the Hall facilities (oh, yes they are!). Improvements to Hall facilities to be actioned shortly are upgrade to the fire alarm system and modernisation of the ladies toilets.

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

**ALL ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 2016 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016, or e-mail [ruishton\\_magazine@hotmail.com](mailto:ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com)**

**LADIES COFFEE CLUB** We meet this month on **Monday 8th February at 2.30pm** at Joan'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 11th February**, this is 1 week early due to pantomime. For more information contact Sally (442733).

**RUISHTON BOOK CLUB** A Study in Scarlet is the first of 60 stories about Sherlock Holmes and Watson written by Arthur Conan Doyle. It was good to read how it all started and we wondered if the characters become more engaging over time. We will need to read more to find out! Our next book is the Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey, and then we will resume the Sherlock theme and read Moriarty by Antony Horowitz. our next meeting is Wednesday 10th February at 10.30am. If you would like to join us 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  
Bookings now being taken for Valentine's  
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PCSO 9981 – Steve Chapman – 07889 655196  
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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 February 3rd**.



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


1. **Collins Leadership Diary A4.** 12 month Jan-Dec 2016. Day per page-Hourly appointments, year planner, notes, holidays £10 Tel:444211

**WANTED: Part-time job.** I am a 55 year old male seeking employment 16+hours per week. I am reliable, trustworthy, friendly and in good health. I have a clean driving licence. Previously worked in medical field and more recently in administration/office based. Computer literate. If you have a position to offer, or know of one please call me M.J.Posmuk- 01823 444211.

**In stitches @ St George's** will next meet from **10 – 12 am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, in the Ruishton Church meeting room. If you enjoy knitting and crotchet or would like to learn how, then we would love to see you. Muriel Coles 443019

**Reflective Space at St George's Church** St George's church in Ruishton is open daily and anyone is very welcome to come in and spend some time there – enjoying the peace and quiet, praying or just being in the stillness. Many do this already, but for six weeks leading up to Easter (15<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> March) there will an opportunity to reflect or pray using resources left there. These resources will be creative, visual and help us explore themes such as our priorities, rest, respect, reliability, reverence and how we might understand righteousness. Do take this chance to come along anytime and spend a few moments reflecting in our parish church.

Rev Julia Curtis 444496

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## RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

PC Kim Davidson (Beat Manager) PCSO Lynsey Gamblin attended the Council's January meeting. They spoke on current matters for Ruishton, Henlade and Thornfalcon as well as advice on the 20mph proposal. PC Kim Davidson also reported that she is due very soon to be on maternity leave for about a year. There will be a replacement Beat Manager.

### 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

P.C. Kim Davidson and PCSO Lynsey Gamblin strongly advised against a 20mph limit as County Highways are very reluctant to implement due to time and costs plus the Police have very limited resources to enforce. The survey that the Council carried out was not detailed enough for it to be viable as it should include why residents support a 20mph limit and not just a tick box exercise of 'Yes' or 'No'. Plus the fact that all schools have the same problem with a 'school run' of lack of parking, inappropriate parking and parents in a hurry. They suggested looking at alternative ways to help to alleviate the problem for example a volunteer Speed Awareness Group. It was agreed to put the 20mph speed restriction on hold and the Council has arranged a meeting with the School to discuss ideas for alternative measures.

The Council would like to thank those residents of Newlands Grove, Newlands Road, Newlands Crescent and Lawn Meadow who took the time and trouble to fill in the questionnaires. It was a useful exercise as the Council could ascertain that most residents perceived there is a problem. The end result was 56 residents stated 'yes' with a couple of 'no's'

### HIGHWAYS

Temporary Closure of Stoke Road from 187 metres northwards from the junction with Greenway Lane and 71 metres westwards from the junction of Greenway Lane. This road will be closed from 01<sup>st</sup> February 2016 and is expected to last for 4 weeks to enable storm water drainage works to be carried out in this road.

Diversion signs will indicate an alternative route.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be installed at:	Stoke Road	15.2.16	4.7.16
	Greenway	14.3.16	1.8.16
	Lipe Lane	11.4.16	29.8.16

### BUDGET FOR YEAR 16/17

The Council has set a precept of £14,369 for year 16/17. The Band D charge will be £25.77 which is a small increase of £1.54 a year. This is due to a decrease in the Government Grant. The Council will receive a further reduced grant for 17/18 then, after this year, the council will not receive any grant. As well as the usual administration and maintenance expenses the council has allocated £1000 for a Neighbourhood Plan (Reserve now £3000) and £500 allocation for capital expenditure on the Recreational Field. The recent play equipment and works on the Recreational Field has reduced the reserve to nil in 15/16 and also reduced to nil the General Reserve. As it is an audit requirement to have sufficient funds in a General Reserve, the council has allocated £4100 to this reserve for 16/17. If you would like a copy of the Budget please contact the Clerk

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Steering Group has had its first meeting to discuss the way forward and a couple of volunteers have put themselves forward to be involved. However there is still a requirement for further resident volunteers. 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. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk on the email address/ phone no. below. An update of the Neighbourhood Plan will be a standard item on future Council agendas.

### DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2016

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)

## **Ruishton Village Day 2016 Saturday July 16th**

We had a bad start to Village Day 2015 when the best part of the equipment stored in our shed at the Village Hall was stolen and had to be replaced. Village Day 2015 was very well supported by the stall holders and by everyone who came down on the day and spent generously. We therefore have sufficient funds to run the 2016 Village Day, but we are not able to give any surplus monies to local charities this year.

Please note there are now no valuables left in our shed now.

We have already had stall spaces booked for 2016, so if you did not have one last year let me know. Also if you have seen an attraction that may be suitable for our village day, let me have a contact number and we will get onto them.

Special thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton and The Carpet Shed Ilminster.

J Elston 442568.

## **Companion Dog Show 2016 16th July.**

We have asked Taunton and District Canine Association if they would like to run our Dog Show again in 2016, we await their reply. 2015 was such a success for everyone concerned, so we do hope they are able to work with us again in 2016.

Special thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairlines Salon, Ruishton also Craig of Western Fuel Supplies Bridgwater.

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## **Ruishton Carpet Bowls Club:**

Members attended our Annual New Year Party with entertainers supplying an accompanied musical quiz, followed by a cold buffet supper, and lots of traditional party games, with plenty of laughs, and enjoyment.

We meet at Ruishton Village Hall, on Friday Afternoons 2pm-4pm. (We are still unable to take more members on this day at present as we are at full capacity on all 3 mats.) However New Members are still very welcome to join when we meet, and play on Tuesday Evenings 7pm - 9pm For further information Phone Mavis Skeggs 01823 442427 (Treasurer) or Derek Garrett 01823 442876 (Chairman).

## **Ruishton Village Day Flower Show Making Liqueurs!**

Come along to Ruishton Village Hall on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm to meet Terry Western, President of the SW Counties Winemakers Association, who will be giving a talk on Making Liqueurs. Hear about ideas of alternative liqueurs and tips on how to make winning drinks.

Everyone welcome – free entry

Ruishton Village Day Flower Show in association with Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle.

Contact Lilian Marshall for further information 01823 442294

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The newsletter has had a letter from Jennie Cook of Alexavia Park expressing her appreciation of the newsletter. She mentions many of the activities that are advertised and has participated in some of those activities since coming to Ruishton 4 years ago. As editor of the newsletter I would like to thank her for expressing her gratitude to both the information given in this publication and the activities that the village offers. It is good to know that we are appreciated. So to all of you who run the various activities thanks from Jennie. I am sorry that I am unable to publish her letter in full but I do not have the space.

Liz Harper  
(Newsletter editor)