

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017

VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY DRAW May

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The **June 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 **June WHIST DRIVE** is on **Wednesday 28th**. Doors open at 7pm and play commences at 7.30pm.

The **June Health Walks** will be on **Weds 7th June** at 10.30 from Creech Canal car park, and on **Wednesday 21st June at 10.30 am** from Ruishton Village Hall. 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.

The **VILLAGE HALL Jumble Sale** held in May raised £650 for Village Hall funds, many thanks to all who contributed goods and those who came and spent their money!

RUISHTON CHURCH SUMMER FAIR IN the garden of the Old Vicarage (in Village Hall if wet) on **Saturday June 10th 12 noon to 2.30pm BBQ & Teas, Ice-Creams, Children's activities including painting ceramic models. Face painting, various Stalls, Bottle tombola, Books, Cakes, Plants, Raffle etc.** If you have any donations that need collecting contact Liz Harper 443369.

Ruishton Village Day 15th July 2017 All previous stall holders have now been contacted re this year's show, there are a few spaces left if I have missed anyone out or if you have an idea for any other stalls, please ring me. All games have cash prizes, apart from the tug of war which is just for fun and will be played only if the grass is dry. Any new ideas again let me know. Thanks to the Parish Council for use of the recreation field. Helpers on the day from 8am and helpers to clear up from 4.30pm. Looking forward to every one's support on this our 35th year, A special thanks to our sponsors Roy Bulgin Ruishton, and Paul of the Carpet Shed Ilminster.
J Elston 442568

Ruishton Companion Dog Show 15th July 2017. Bookings on the day from 1pm, show starts at 2pm. Diane Swales and her team are looking forward to this year's show, and we would like to thank her and the District Canine Association. All last year's cup holders must return their cups to me or any member by 30th June, (polished would be appreciated!) Thanks to the Parish Council for the Special dispensation of allowing dogs on leads onto the playing field for this one day in the year only. Please pick up after your dogs to keep the recreation field clean. Thanks to our sponsors Hannah's Hairline Salon Ruishton and Craig of Western Fuel Oils Bridgwater.
J Elston 442568 and Diane Swales 01458 251614.

Flower Show – 15th July Kijlstra Precast has again kindly agreed to sponsor the show providing help towards the cost of the printing of the Schedules which will shortly be distributed free to each household. Plus you can also find the Flower Show Schedule on the village website <http://www.ruishton.org.uk/> together with details of the Scarecrow and Hanging basket competitions. You will find plenty of classes in the Show that you can enter even if you aren't gardener- handicrafts, baking (even two classes for men only!), photography, flower arranging, wine & drinks etc plus classes for children. Raffle tickets are also now available from committee members. Would last year's cup winners please return cups to any committee member by Sunday 25th June (polished would be appreciated!). Mike Marshall (Chairman) 442294
You can contact the Flower Show via email flower.show@ruishton.org.uk and remember to look at our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1283138038446496/>

FOUND in the playing field boys quilted navy-blue jacket about age 8. Contact Norma on 442040

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

ALL ITEMS FOR THE July 2017 newsletter should be delivered to the Editor, Liz Harper, Marl Bank, Bushy Cross Lane, Ruishton (443369) NO LATER THAN Friday 16th June 2017 or email ruishton_magazine@hotmail.com

LADIES COFFEE CLUB We meet this month on on **Monday 12th June 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 Village Hall meeting 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 15th June**. For more information contact Sally (442733).

Ruishton Book Club

The title of our book this month was 'The Underground Girls of Kabul' by Jenny Nordberg. It documents case studies that reveal the impact of 'bacha posh' (translated - dressed up as a boy), on a variety of age groups and class. The author follows Afghan girls who live disguised as boys. These children experience greater freedom and privileges until puberty and then are expected to transform into subordinate wives and mothers. Jenny Nordberg outlines a pervasive culture of violence and extreme segregation. It left us feeling shocked and depressed. This was a difficult read for several reasons but everyone had something to say when we met. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th June at 10.30am, we will be talking about 'Heartbreak Hotel' by Deborah Moggach. If you would like further information about our Book Club phone Jenny on 01823 442589.

Report on Taunton Amateur Country Winemakers Circle Meeting Members were given the programme for the coming year and told that at the AGM next April there would be a competition to make a white port wine and another for a cooking competition. The next meeting on the 13th June, again at Ruishton Village Hall, will have an Italian theme as Stefano Del Moro, who offers an Italian experience at his shop in Wellington, will talk on "The products of Veneto – my home" This will include a selection of local wines. New members are welcomed – just turn up, with a glass - and introduce your self.

Peter Light

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RUISHTON GUIDING

Ruishton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all took part in a successful and sunny St George's Day Parade. Brownies are doing their Friend to Animals badge this term, including a visit to Pets at Home. They will be finishing the term with Pack Holiday at Somermead near Wedmore. If you wish to put your daughter's name on any of the waiting lists please contact:
Guides Cath Ellis (442398), Brownies Kay Allen (444426), Rainbows Cath Ellis (442398)

BUS to ASDA There is a regular WEDNESDAY MORNING bus to Asda. First stop is at Alexavia Caravan Park at 11am, by the Post Box at bottom of Lawn Meadow at 11.05am. It is **FREE** and the return journey leaves ASDA at 1.00pm.

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In stitches @ St George's will meet next on **Friday 9th June** between 10am and 12noon in the Ruishton Church Meeting room. We are hoping to get near to completing this years "yarn bombing" tableaux. Newcomers are always welcome and anyone who enjoys knitting or crotchet should just come along.
Muriel Coles 443019

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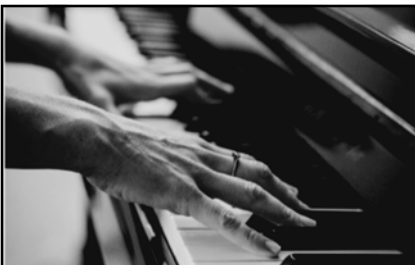
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RUISHTON AND THORNFALCON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD MAY 2017

Cllr Doug Lowe was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Mike Marshall was re-elected as Vice Chairman

The following Cllrs were appointed to specific areas of responsibility

FOOTPATHS: Cllr Hancock HIGHWAYS: Cllrs Bulgin, Lowe and the Clerk
RECREATIONAL FIELD: Cllrs Bulgin & Hancock SAFETY ISSUES: Cllr Mullins
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VILLAGE HALL REP: Cllr Harper FLOOD COMMITTEE REP: Cllr McEvans

TREE WARDEN: Cllr Bowey KIJILSTRA LIAISON GROUP: Cllr Marshall
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Cllrs Lowe, Marshall and Bulgin

VANDALISM TO A TREE

There is evidence that an established crab apple tree has been deliberately destroyed along the verge at Lawn Meadows. The tree had been 'ringed barked' and weed killer was applied. The Police have been contacted and issued an incident number. The tree has now been felled. If you have any information in regard to this incident, please contact the Police.

The tree was originally planted by County Highways but unfortunately they do not have a budget anymore for replacing the tree. Therefore, the Parish Council has agreed in principle to replace the tree probably with a flowering cherry and fund this from the vandalism reserve from the 17/18 budget.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Council is considering a defibrillator in the village of Ruishton and will be applying for a grant from Taunton Deane Borough Council. A representative from Heartstart will be attending the next Parish Council meeting to give information and advice.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN DAY

Taunton Deane Borough Council will be holding this event at the Long Room, Somerset County Cricket Club on Wednesday 7 June. You can call in anytime between 3pm and 7pm. You can find out more about affordable housing options and there are low cost homes for sale and what's on offer to rent.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE INFORMATION 2017

Grass Cutting – Highway verges are cut to a minimum of one metre in width from the road side. Sight lines are also cut at road junctions and bends to ensure better visibility for road users and pedestrians. Each highway verge and junctions will be cut once during the season except A and B road junctions visibilities which will be cut twice.

Grass cutting programme is:

A & B roads (including visibility splays)	8 May – 2 June
C and unclassified roads	5 June – 28 July
A & B visibility splays only	Early/Mid August

Weed spraying – Under the Noxious Weed Act 1959, certain noxious weeds, including ragwort must be removed where they are reported as causing a nuisance to highway users and adjoining landowners. Other invasive species treated and controlled by the County Council are Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed.

Hedges – The majority of hedges bordering the highway are privately owned. Landowners and occupiers are responsible for the maintenance of their boundary, except between 1 March and 31 July (bird nesting season) to make sure their hedge, tree or shrub does not obstruct the highway user or lines of sight at junctions. Land owners must also remove any debris from the road surface to prevent nuisance and to stop it blocking surface water drainage systems.

DATE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017

7.6.17 5.7.17 2.8.17 6.9.17 4.10.17
1.11.17 6.12.17

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

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Neighbourhood Plan - link to the website www.Ruishton.org.uk<[http://](http://www.Ruishton.org.uk)

www.Ruishton.org.uk> and to the Facebook page "Ruishton, Thornfalcon & Henlade".



Business and Working from Home Surveys

Following on from our Household Survey, to which we received a great response, we intend to undertake more detailed surveys with businesses in our Parish, and with those who work from home.

The Business Survey will be issued within the next couple of months and we would encourage all business owners to complete the survey and return it to us so that your thoughts and ideas can be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Another very important group within our Parish are those who Work from Home. From our Household Survey, we know that many people work from home and we would very much like to gain your views on what your current business needs are, what works well for you now, and what you may wish for in the future, so that this can be considered as part of our Neighbourhood Plan. To enable us to do this, please would you send your email address to RuishtonNP@hotmail.com so that our Administrator can include you in a future survey. Your details will not be used for any other purposes than to contact you in relation to the development of our Neighbourhood Plan.

It doesn't matter whether you Work from Home occasionally or regularly as your views are equally of value. Please send your email address to Catherine Faulkner, Neighbourhood Plan Administrator at RuishtonNP@hotmail.com