Road Improvements on the Way

Work has started to install a roundabout on Oxford Road by the entrance to the central part of the former Peugeot site. This should be completed by Christmas. It is also proposed to make the section of the Oxford Road between the Leamington Road roundabout and the London Road a “Clearway” which should address the problem of HGV parking.

Warwickshire Highways have proposed designs for the traffic restrictors to be installed on Leamington Road. A restrictor similar to those at the entrance to Wolston is proposed by the 30 limit sign near the Connexion. It is not possible to have the same arrangement at the 30 limit sign near the former British Legion due to risk of traffic backing up onto the London Rd. Instead an arrangement with high curbs and signage to create a more imposing entrance to the village is proposed. We believe these measures will help to reduce speeds and heavy traffic on Leamington Road.

Superfast broadband for Warwickshire (& Ryton!)

Warwickshire County Council, in partnership with other Council’s aim to bid for government funding to see high speed broadband delivered to every part of the sub-region. But, to do this, evidence is needed to show how current broadband provision is working, or not working, for businesses and individuals locally. Log onto www.cswbroadband.org.uk and help Ryton On Dunsmore get better connected by completing the survey today.

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Community News

Application for Sand and Gravel Extraction - Wolston Fields Farm

Many thanks to all the residents who sent in objections to this planning application. We have recently been advised that the decision has been further delayed. This means that there is still time to send an objection. Objections from residents could influence the decision so please consider writing if you have not yet done so.

Objections can be sent by email to ciaranpower@warwickshire.gov.uk or posted to: Ciaran Power, Planning and Development Group, Warwickshire County Council, Warwick, CV34 4SX.

The main concerns which you may wish to mention are:

* Destruction of 200 acres of rural land and habitat adjacent to village
* Traffic impact, a near doubling of heavy goods traffic on Leamington Rd
  * Noise and dust pollution during the 6-8 years of extraction
  * Threat to the continued existence of Ryton Gardens.

It would be helpful if you could send a copy of your email or letter to the Clerk either rytonondunsmore@btconnect.com or c/o 2 Bagshaw Close.

Parish Plan

The Parish Plan was published as promised in June and launched at the village event held in the Connexion in July. The Parish Council would like to thank the Parish Plan team and everyone else who contributed, for all their dedication and hard work producing the Plan.

A Volunteers Meeting will be held on 8th October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall to discuss how to progress the various Action Groups with everyone who has expressed an interest.

This meeting is open to everyone. It’s not too late to volunteer!
Community News

Crime is generally low in the village however, the Parish Council and local Police urge residents to keep an eye out for anything that they feel is suspicious after recent car break in’s and a burglary.

Rugby Police Rural Central Neighbourhood Team contact details;
Tel: 01788 853851   Email: rrc.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
Twitter: @SNT_RugbyRuralC

War Memorial

Following the tendering process we have provisionally selected a preferred contractor to do the renovation work. The tendering exercise has shown that the refurbishment cost, around £11,000, is actually a significant proportion of the cost of total replacement, around £15,000. (We intend to cover the cost of this work with available grants.) Given these figures we currently think that total replacement would give us better long term value for money but we would appreciate any thoughts from residents before making a final decision, please email or write to the clerk – details on front page.

Following the community project to decorate the Subway last summer we have since also managed to get Amey to replace the lighting and have just finished recoating the floor. The overall result is a great improvement.

As announced in the last newsletter, Ryton now has one highly energy efficient LED street light installed at the corner of High Street and Fetherston Crescent. The Parish Council would greatly appreciate feedback on this new street light. The new street light uses about 1/3 less energy than the old orange street lights and less than half the power of the newer white street lights in Ryton. Thus, replacing more street lights in Ryton with LED street lights would significantly reduce the CO2 footprint and energy consumption of the Parish.
Mondays
Keep fit aimed at the 50 plus, 2pm every Monday, only £2 per session. Contact Barbara Tel: 02476 302348.

Tuesdays
Ryton Evergreens 50+ meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month 1.45-3.45 pm, with the aim of providing entertainment in a friendly atmosphere for over 50’s.

Line Dancing takes place on the 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month between 7.30-9.30pm. Contact Graham or Georgina on 02476 301770 for more information.

Thursdays
Ladies Guild 1st Thursdays of the month at 7.45pm. New members always welcome for ladies 16 and above. Contact June Backholler Tel: 02476 302353.

Bingo! on 2nd and last Thursday of the month 7.30pm

Fridays
History Group meets every 4th Friday of the month 7.30pm-9.30pm. Contact Steve Tel: 02476 639228.

Quiz night 6th October 7.30pm
Jumble Sale 13th October 10.00am to 12.
The Action Research Dance 17th November Tel: 02476 301417
Church Christmas Coffee Morning 24th November
Christmas Fete 1st December 4pm – 6pm

The Remembrance Exhibition on November 11th
The Exhibition will be in the Village Hall from 10.00am to 1.00pm, coffee and tea will be available and all proceeds will go to The Poppy Appeal. We would like more stories for this year and artifacts to add to our collection, so why not come forward with your stories and photographs – contact Ann Garrett on 02476 302695.

Village Litter Picks - Meet inside the Village Hall Grounds, 10am on Saturdays 13th October, 1st December & 19th January 2013.
**Dates for your Dairy**

**October Half Term Fun**

Calling all children aged between 3yrs and 11yrs. Come and have fun at ‘The Ark’ During October half term.

Contact Debbie Keeling on 07905 463420 for more information.

**Ryton Youth Club**

Children and teens will enjoy all sorts of activities at the Ryton Youth Club which meets weekly every Tuesday evening in the youth hall of St. Leonard's Church, Church Road.

**Only £1 per session**

- 9 - 12 years  6:15pm - 7:30pm
- 13 - 17 years  7:45pm - 9:15pm

**Volunteers Urgently Needed**

If you would like to volunteer we ask that you do one session in four so it would take just one and a half hours of your time each month.

If you think you could help or would like more information please contact Geoff Marsh at 99 High St. Tel: 02476 304295 or Email: geoffandba@gmail.com

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**St. Leonards Church Christmas Services**

- Carols by Candlelight will take place on 23rd December 4.30pm
- Christmas Eve Children’s Crib Service at 5pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
- Family Communion will take place on 25th December at 9.30am
Neighbours of the school have again highlighted a problem with traffic congestion in and around the lay-by, particularly at 3.15pm.

We are keen to respond to this and so would like to urge families to consider the following:-

- Do you take every opportunity to walk/scoot/cycle to and from school with your child instead of using the car?
- If using the car is unavoidable, could you park a little further from the school to avoid overcrowding at the lay-by?
- Do you always park respectfully, leaving driveways, paths and the road clear of obstruction?

Provost Williams Primary are working together with the Parish Council and PCSO Tom McSheffry to improve safety for pupils and local people.

Your help is greatly appreciated 😊

Christmas Fayre
Friday 7th December
6-8pm
Visit Father Christmas’s grotto, have fun with Secret Santa and Christmas stalls.

‘Open School Coffee Morning’
Friday 9th November
from 10am till 12

Everyone welcome!
Come and join us in class and celebrate our achievements 😊

You can even stay for lunch!
The Haunting of Old Ryton Bridge

On the second of May 1734 Thomas Wildey murdered his aunt Susannah Wall and her daughter Ann Shenton, who owned the White Lion in Smithford Street in Coventry. He was found guilty and later hung at Whitley Common, a famous place in Coventry for hangings. They hung Thomas till he was nearly dead then placed him in a gibbet to die (a kind of metal cage).

There he remained rotting for a good few years as a sign to travellers who should think twice about committing any evil doings in Coventry! Finally he was taken down and his remains were scattered in a nearby sandpit.

The remains were left undisturbed until 1793, sand and clay from the sandpit, and it’s believed, the remains of Thomas Wildey, were used in the setting, bedding and jointing of Ryton bridge stonework. Since then, the bridge has had strange sights and noises occurring over the years, normally in May and at the dead of night. A strange patchy mist hangs over the area and lights seem to flitter nearby.

Many a Toll Keeper left this lucrative post in a state of panic after only spending a few nights living in the house yards from the bridge. Because of so many keepers left their posts, the Toll House and gate was moved away from the bridge towards Coventry.

The stonework is visible today not far from the Holiday Inn Hotel (old Ryton Bridge Hotel) side of the river, over 200 years after it was first constructed with crushed parts of Thomas’s skeleton.

Incidentally, legend says Thomas was wrongly accused and he is still waiting for his royal pardon…. So next time you drive over Old Ryton Bridge, spare a thought for poor Thomas!

Provided by Steve Garrett of the Ryton History Group.

If you have a story you wish to share about Ryton On Dunsmore send your letter/email to the Editor; Dale Keeling at 8 Warren Close, Ryton On Dunsmore. Email: d.keeling1@btinternet.com
Please cut out and use this window poster to help prevent disturbance during Halloween

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