Friday 5th December - Santa Around the Village.
Santa will be coming around the village to see all of the boys and girls and he will start his visit at 6pm from Poplar Grove.

Saturday 6th December - Village Hall Christmas Fayre.
3.30pm to 6pm
The annual Christmas Fayre will be held at the hall once again this year. If anyone in the village has a business who sells gifts etc and would like to have a stall then please contact Jo Macaulay on 07867 434361 to book in advance.

Saturday 13th December
Breakfast with Santa.
9.30am to 11am.
This is a pre-book event, tickets cost £8 per child and £5.50 per adult. Price includes breakfast, gift and photo with Santa! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jo Macaulay on 07867 434361.
Remembrance Exhibition
Once again Ryton History Group put on a wonderful display of memorabilia, stories and photographs at the Remembrance exhibition held at the village hall on Remembrance Sunday. All the proceeds donated by residents and volunteers went to the British Legions Poppy Appeal.

Photos: (Above) volunteers Pam and Gill serving cake and tea and (photo right) Mr. Frank Tunney enjoys a sit down after the Remembrance Service at the exhibition.

The History Group meet every fourth Friday of the month, 7.30pm-9.30pm. For details, contact Steve Garrett on 02476 639228. You can also follow Ryton History Group on Facebook for any themes on up and coming meetings.

Wroth Silver Ceremony 2014 (pic left)
Worth Silver is Britain’s Oldest Annual Ceremony, recorded as ‘on going’ in 1170 AD and still going strong!

It is held every Martinmas Eve before sun rise, on the 11th November.

The collection dates back over 800 years. Representatives of twenty five villages in the area pay their dues to the Lord of the Manor and then retire to a local inn for breakfast.

Opinions differ on the original purpose of the ceremony but the latest research suggests it was to provide a local baggage train for the King. In a written record of the collection of Wroth silver in 1210 it amounted to 14s 1/2d.

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- Around the Village -

Tweet Tweet!

The social media ‘Twitter’ is fast becoming an easy way to get in-the-moment updates on the things that may interest you. Two local accounts you might want to start following are ...

@RytononDunsmore
Please follow for news and events in and around Ryton On Dunsmore.

@ProvostWilliams
Please follow for news and events about Provost Williams Primary School.

Christmas Carol singing in the Village on Monday 22nd December
‘There are two sessions’

Either: 5.00pm - 6.15pm starting from School Gates to sing around St Leonard’s Walk, Sodens Ave, Fetherston Cr & High Street - refreshments at 99 High Street.

Or: 6.45pm - 8.30pm meeting at the Church Gates, to sing in Church Road, Church Cl, Bagshaw Cl, High St, Holly Dr, Cedar Ave, Poplar Grove and Lea Walk.

This is a lovely family event, if you have time!

We welcome any volunteers, either for singing or for knocking on doors! Please could children be accompanied by an adult. Remember to dress warmly - it can be very cold.

All proceeds to Action Medical Research.

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Sunday 14 December  
at 9.30 am Christmas Village Workshop & Worship

Sunday 21 December  
at 9.30 am Parish Communion  
& at 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 24 December  
at 5.00 pm Crib Service  
& at 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day  
at 9.30 am Holy Communion

Friday 12 December - ‘Great Expectations’  
- a professional theatre company production in Ryton!  
7 pm Village Hall  
£10 adults, £6 children (7 - 15 years), £25 Family (2+2)  
For tickets please call: 024 7630 7431

Friday 19 December - Ryton Mummers  
will perform the Ryton on Dunsmore Mumming play in the pubs and clubs of Ryton, Baginton and Bubbenhall, raising funds for the churches in all three villages.

Saturday 20 December - Carols by Candlelight  
8 pm The Malt Shovel  
Raffle in aid of St Leonard’s Church - raising funds to care for the church & church centre
Great Expectations

Rain or Shine Theatre Company presents Charles Dickens’

Ryton on Dunsmore Village Hall
High Street, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry. CV8 3EY

** In aid of St Leonard’s Church **

Friday 12th December at 7:00pm
Tickets: £10 adult, £6 child (under 15), £25 family (2+2)

Box office number: 02476307431

doors open 6:30pm ** refreshments available
Village Directory
As explained in the flyer and last newsletter which everyone should have received in September, we are putting together a Directory of all the amenities, services, and businesses available in Ryton. When published this will be available free to every household. Many thanks to the thirty plus people who have already responded with entries.

If you are responsible for a club, organisation, amenity, service or business in the village and have not yet requested an entry please do so as soon as possible. All we need is:

- Name of organisation/club/business
- Brief Description (not more than 30 words giving information likely to be of interest to villagers)
- Contact details for organisation
- Your name and contact details

You can send this either to the Parish Office letter box at the Village Hall or 'Bit of a Treat' or 99 High Street. Or you can email: geoffandba@gmail.com.

We will have to close entries and arrange printing in the next few weeks so please act now if you want to be included.

Don't miss out!

Make sure your organisation get's some publicity in the Village.

And it's free - there's no charge for entries.

Dog Walkers
The Parish Council remind all dog walkers to remember to take a bag or poop scoop like you’d remember a lead. Avoid the risk of a £80 fixed penalty; PLEASE clear up after your dog. To report offenders, contact the Environmental Protection Team on Tel: 01788 533857 or email: ept@rugby.gov.uk

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Parish Burial Ground
As residents are probably aware, the Parish Council recently completed the purchase of the field immediately next to St. Leonard’s church for the purpose of establishing a Parish Burial Ground.

We have now initiated a project to upgrade the area with a new entrance, access road and car parking area plus new boundary fencing/hedging and a segregated area for burials. We will be seeking a grant for this work.

Once this is completed it is intended to manage the Burial Ground with a group of Trustees who would be Village residents, similar to the Village Hall. The trustees will be responsible for the upkeep and administration of the Burial Ground which we believe should be an interesting but not overly demanding task in terms of time commitment. Training will be available on the practical and legal aspects of running a burial ground.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Trustee please contact Ian Spiers (contact details elsewhere in Newsletter) in the first instance to discuss further.

Become a Parish Councillor
May 2015 sees the end of the current Parish Councillors tenure and with it an opportunity for anyone who is passionate about village issues to get involved.

You could help to keep Ryton a vibrant good place to live by becoming a Parish Councillor.

You could be at the ‘grass root’ level of local government and get involved in decision making for the village. Helping to get local views and issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch with the Parish Council Clerk, Mr. Tooke Tel: 02476 307336 or please email rytonondunsmore@btconnect.com

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We have had a successful start to the new school year with lots of exciting events happening. Our chosen charity to fund raise for this year is Aid 2 Africa. The charity raises money to build and support schools in Kenya and other African countries. Peter Wrigley, one of the trustees of the charity, came in to school to talk to our pupils about a school in Moi’s Bridge in Kenya. He explained how the money raised would go towards funding school books, uniforms, mosquito nets and crops to grow.

Our annual Harvest Festival was entitled ‘Harvest for the World’ and each class presented how Harvest was celebrated in the different continents. We auctioned off the produce after the service and raised over £100 for Aid 2 Africa. The remaining produce was distributed to elderly residents within the village.

The running bug has certainly hit our school and each week children run the Kids’ Marathon by completing 200 metre circuits of the field during lunchtime. Each child’s distance is recorded and the children are aiming to run a marathon over the course of the school year. Our Thursday morning running club continues to grow in popularity and we were fortunate to gain sponsorship from RPii to fund high-vis running t-shirts for the children.

Later this term we will be performing our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas play entitled ‘The First Christmas’. Members of the local community are welcome to join us to watch the performance on Monday 8th December at 10.30am. Our Christmas Fair is being organised by our PTA and this will be held on Friday 12th December after school and once again, members of the local community are very welcome.

We are always keen to involve members of the village community in school life so if you can offer any skills from gardening to DIY to hearing children read, please do get in touch with us.

Tel: 02476 302166

www.provostwilliams.warwickshire.sch.uk or Tweet: @ProvostWilliams
‘Bit of a Treat’
Tel: 02477 046185

Santa will be joining us in our very own grotto!
On Monday 22nd December between the hours of 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
(No cost but donations to charity)

7.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday
7.30am to 8.00pm Friday
9.00am to 8.00pm Saturday
Closed Sunday

We do hot and cold food and drink to eat in or take away.
We are always adding new items to our menu!
We also have an extensive range of old fashioned sweets, cards and balloons.

We also now have a premises licence which means that people can now join us and have an alcoholic drink on site with internal and external seating provided.
Warm mulled wine will be available from 1st December.

‘Taking orders now for Christmas sweet gifts and Christmas party cones’

We now offer a dry cleaning service, ask in-store for details
Mondays
Baby Clinic is held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Village Hall between 9.30am-11.30am.

Tuesdays
Evergreens 50 plus meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 1.45-3.45pm. With the aim of providing entertainment for the over 50’s. For details please contact John Loudon Tel: 02476 301269.

Line Dancing takes place on the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. Please contact Graham for more details Tel: 02476 301770.

Wednesdays
Beaver Scouts (6yrs-8yrs) meet from 6pm to 7.15pm. The Cubs (8yrs-10yrs) meet from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. Scouts (10yrs-14yrs) meet from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Thursdays
Ladies Guild meet the first Thursday of the month from 7.45pm, new members are always welcome, please contact June for more information Tel: 02476 302353.

Easy Dancing every Thursday 9.30am-12. For all ages, come along and join in with the friendly atmosphere, please contact Graham for more details on Tel: 02476 301770.

Bingo on the 2nd and last Thursdays of the month, please arrive 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Fridays
The History Group meet every fourth Friday of the month, 7.30pm-9.30pm. For details, contact Steve Garrett Tel: 02476 639228.

Weather permitting - The Village Litter pick will take place on 17th Jan, 2015. Meet at Village Hall at 10.00am.

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Paula & Clive invite you to join in the family fun at the Blacksmiths Arms this Christmas.

Starting from 10th December we will be serving traditional pub food and roast lunches on Sundays.

Come and visit Santa’s grotto and his reindeers on Saturday 13th December!

Room available for hire for meetings
Tel: 02476 301818

The Malt Shovel’s

New Years Eve Disco starts 7.30pm until late!

Everyone welcome to join us for ‘Carols by Candlelight’ at 8pm on Saturday 20th December (in aid of St. Leonard’s Church)

Christmas Day opening times are:
11am - 2pm
7pm - 10pm
Ingredients
225g cold butter, diced
350g plain flour, 100g of golden caster sugar, 280g mincemeat, 1 small egg, icing sugar, to dust.

Prep: 30/40 mins
Cook: 20 mins
(Makes 18 pies)

Method
1. To make the pastry, rub 225g cold, diced butter into 350g plain flour, then mix in 100g golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt. Combine the pastry into a ball – don’t add liquid – and knead it briefly. The dough will be fairly firm, like shortbread dough. You can use the dough immediately, or chill for later.

2. Preheat the oven to 200C/gas 6/fan 180C. Line 18 holes of two 12-hole patty tins, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole. Spoon 280g mincemeat into the pies.

3. Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies. Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don’t need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own. (The pies may now be frozen for up to 1 month).

4. Beat 1 small egg and brush the tops of the pies. Bake for 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire rack. To serve, lightly dust with icing sugar. They will keep for 3 to 4 days in an airtight container.

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The first Christmas crackers were created by London confectioner Thomas Smith in 1847. He spotted the design of French bon-bon’s wrapped in tissue paper while visiting Paris, he added a love poem or a motto to the package, which by the 1930’s were replaced by jokes.

Top three modern cracker jokes!

What did the dog get for Christmas - 'A mobile bone!' What do you call a penguin walking in the desert - 'Lost' What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman - 'Frostbite!'
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For information on advertising or if you wish to publish a special event such as a birthday, wedding or birth! Contact the Newsletter Editor; Cllr. Dale Keeling Tel: 078953 60442 or please email: d.keeling1@btinternet.com

Village Hall hire
The hall, side rooms and kitchen are available for hire, either on a regular basis for a meeting, club/activity or for a ‘one-off’ occasion such as a birthday party or fund raising event. If you would like more details on please contact Sarah Miller on 07810 874976.

Ryton Youth Club
The Youth Club are looking for staff volunteers, we ask for just one and a half hours of your time each month, if you would like to find out more please contact Geoff Marsh Tel: 02476 304295.

Village Mini Bus
The 17 seated mini bus is available to hire by anyone in the village and can be driven on an ordinary licence. Hire cost is 60p per mile, for more details please contact Dougie on 02476 306895.

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Take a few simple steps to avoid becoming a victim of burglary

- Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a giveaway that no one is at home.
- Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows - even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you go out and also when you go to bed.
- Don’t leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don’t leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break in to your home.

If you have information about a burglary phone the police on 101.

www.warwickshire.police.uk
www.westmercia.police.uk