Ryton on Dunsmore
Home of the Wroth Silver Ceremony

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- Deadline for articles for the Easter Newsletter is 15th March -
Thank You
The Nottingham family of missing Baljeev Johal would like to say a warm thank you to local residents for their kindness and support during their campaign to find him. You may recall from posters on village notice boards and local press that 24yr old Baljeev went missing from a wedding party held at the Connexion on 5th October. The campaign to find Baljeev is still on-going, if you have any information, please contact Warwickshire Police by calling 101 or alternatively you can contact the charity Missing People on 116 000. You can also support the campaign on Facebook and Twitter.

Here-we-come-a-wassailing
The ancient English tradition of wassailing in orchards is to awake the cider or apple trees from their winter sleep to ensure a good harvest in the Autumn.

The ceremonies of each wassail vary from village to village but they all have the same elements, the assembled crowd will usually sing and shout, bang drums and pots and pans and make a terrible racket to scare away leering evil spirits in the hopes that the trees might thrive. Left: Wassail took place in Ryton at the orchard on the 10th January.

Village Website QR Code
Whats a QR Code I hear you ask? - A QR code is just like a barcode, anyone with a smart phone or tablet can simply point their device at the QR code using the camera and a QR app and it will take you to a website or record the URL address for later, rather than having to type in the address and remember it.

Right: Here is our village website QR code, why not pay us a visit!

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Why not Consider Becoming a Parish Councillor?

Current indications are that an unusually high number of the present Parish Councillors are not planning to stand for re-election when the four-yearly election is held in May. We will therefore need several new Councillors if we are to retain a viable Parish Council. If we can't then the Council's powers are automatically taken back by the Borough and we would lose the ability to control many of the issues which affect the future of the village.

Being a Parish Councillor does not have to be hard work - one evening meeting a month plus any activities or projects you choose to get involved in. Anyone over the age of eighteen resident in the village is eligible to stand.

And it is rewarding! As a Councillor you will have a real influence over the future of your village and how the issues and concerns facing the village get addressed.

Please give it some serious thought. Any of the current Councillors or the Clerk (contact details below) would be happy to have an informal chat to give you any information you might want before making a decision.

RYTON NEEDS TO KEEP ITS PARISH COUNCIL

But we can only do that if several more villagers are prepared to stand as Councillors!

Chairman; Cllr. Ian Spiers Tel: 0773 772 1998
Deputy Chair; Cllr. Geoff Marsh Tel: 02476304295
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UK Mail based at Ryton Prologis are still advertising for employment opportunities within their company, please see their website: www.ukmail.com/careers for more details.

eResponse Employment Agency have places for day shift work based at the Freemans warehouse at Prologis, if interested please call their Coventry branch on 02476 551234 or follow them on twitter: @eresponsejobs for up to date news on jobs.

Provost Williams Primary advise that they do have employment opportunities that rise at the school from time to time, if interested please do keep an eye on their website: www.provostwilliams.warwickshire.sch.uk and follow their twitter account: @ProvostWilliams

Community Defibrillator and Heated Box Appeal

Communities around the UK are installing lifesaving Defibrillators and heated boxes for people to use in an emergency situation, these really are lifesaving tools to use. Living in a village will take on average 5 to 10 minutes for a Community First Responder to reach you and on average 8 to 12 minutes for a crewed Ambulance to reach you and administer lifesaving skills.

Heart attacks in the United Kingdom claim 32,000 lives each year and that number is growing. 17,254 are men, 5,836 are women.

By raising £2000 to get lifesaving equipment will save a life. It could be your family member or a friend that will need your help whilst waiting for the emergency services, you will make a difference. Please help to raise the money for our own life saving Defibrillator and heated box in the village.

For more information or if you would like to help, contact Dave Sage Tel: 07850415904.

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Ryton to Bloom
The campaign to have Ryton blooming during the summer 2015 has started! Seed kits are on their way to the village designed to help grow beautiful, colourful wild flowers, which will be a haven for bees, butterflies and birds.

If anyone is interested in helping to sow the seeds (end of March) or would like a box for their group, please contact Cllr. Dale Keeling Tel: 02476 304317 or email: d.keeling1@btinternet.com. Ideas on location of sowing of the seeds at the moment include, under street signs (if possible), next to benches and the grass verge next to the A45 bus stop, any other location ideas welcome!

Village Hall Hire
The hall, side rooms and kitchen are available for hire, either on a regular basis for a meeting or club/activity or one off party.

Would you like to book the hall for New Year’s eve 2015? Preference given to charity and village groups. Deadline is 18th February. For all bookings and further details please contact the booking clerk Ms. Sarah Miller on 0781 0874976.

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. For availability, booking and more details please contact Dougie on 02476 306895.

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 01788 533857 or email: ept@rugby.gov.uk.

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**Mondays**  
Baby Clinic is held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 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) from 6pm to 7.15pm.  
The Cubs (8yrs-10yrs) from 6.15pm to 7.30pm.  
Scouts (10yrs-14yrs) 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, please contact Steve Garrett Tel: **02476 639228** or Facebook ‘Ryton History Group’ to get updates on meetings, events and trips .

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Ryton's very own resident composer, Mr. Eddie Jones, has written the music for a brand new musical. It is great fun and we wondered if it might be possible to put it on in Ryton as a community venture.

So, if you ever wished to be involved in a world premier production now is your chance!

'Eve and that Snake', written for band, chorus and soloists, takes a fresh look at the story of Adam and Eve. It is based on a mid 19th century American short story set in the Deep South. It is full of lively characters and entertaining songs!

There are fun parts for children, teenagers, women and men.

Rehearsals will mainly be on Wednesday Evenings, 7pm - 9 pm, from mid April to mid June and then again from September to the show 13th/14th November.

If you would like to be involved in any way, either singing in the chorus or as a soloist, playing in the band or working behind the scenes, please come to a meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th March at 7.00pm.

If you can't make it, but would still like to be involved don't worry - just contact either;

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eddiejones104@tiscali.co.uk

Ba Marsh Tel: 02476 304295
telephone number

geoffandba@gmail.com
Children of the Youth Club would like to thank local resident Mr Jim Curry who raised £240 last year by having his hair shaved off! (Left: Dave Sage with Jim).

The Malt Shovel has announced that the Youth Club will be one of their chosen Charities for 2015 and have already planned events. - See next page.

The Youth Club would also like to thank Chris and Jenna (right) at The Malt Shovel and especially Jim Curry for all the money they have raised so far which will be used to buy much needed arts and crafts supplies and fund off site activities.

If you have any fund raising ideas or would like to volunteer please get in touch. All that we ask for is just one and a half hours of your time each month to either support our junior session 6.15pm to 7.30pm or senior session 7.45pm to 9.15pm on a Tuesday evening at St Leonards church centre.

Ryton Youth Club is an award winning club which continues to be well attended and appreciated by young people in the village but we can only keep going if we have enough volunteers.

For more details, contact Dave Sage on Tel: 02476 305 795 or please email: paxosage@sky.com.

Right: Georgia with 17 Youth Club members and four volunteers enjoyed a great night Ice Skating at our Christmas outing held in December.
The Malt Shovel Charity

CAR WASH

& BBQ

On Saturday’s

11th April & 13th June

Both washes start at 10am with a yummy BBQ at lunch

All funds raised will be donated to Ryton Youth Club
We have a service every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and also an evening service at 6.30 p.m. (please note that the evening service on the 2nd Sunday of every month is held at Bubbenhall church) We have Sunday School/ children’s activities at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services.

In addition to the normal services in January and February;

Candlemas
Monday 2nd February 7.30pm: Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 18th February 9.20am and 7.30pm: Holy Communion

Lent is a penitential time, when we can reflect on our shortcomings and make ourselves ready for Easter. There will be a series of meetings in Lent - a Lent Course. We look at some texts and this year will the theme is Songs of Praise in the New Testament, with audio contributions by The Most Reverend Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury, Sister Wendy Beckett (‘the art Nun’) and David Suchet - known to most of us as Poirot!

The meetings will be in the Church Centre: the exact starting time is yet to be finalised, but they will be on Monday evenings and will start on 23rd February. Please contact the Rev'd David Wintle on 024 7630 1283 for further details.

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The membership is still £20 or £2.50 on the door. We meet every 4th Friday of the month, starting at 7:30pm.

Come and join us, everybody welcome.

Feb 27th - Speaker: David Fry
‘Coventry’s Industrial age’

Mar 27th - Speaker: Kevin Broughton
‘Electric train museum and Easter Bonnet parade’

Apr 24th - TBA (Details in next issue)

May 22nd - Speaker: Peterson Cobbett
‘Bee Keeping’

May 23rd - We will see you at the School Fete

June 26th - Speaker: Sheila Woolf
‘American Soldiers in Warwickshire WW2’

June 27th - We will see you at the Church Fete

Jul 4th - A talk on Severn Valley Railway 1940’s

For more information contact Steve Garrett 76 639 228
or e mail carrotfromryton@talktalk.net

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CHURCH FETE & FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The football tournament element of the fete, involving senior and junior teams, is a long standing and important feature of this village event but due to retirement we are urgently in need of persons to help organise it.

We have a clearly defined and documented process for managing the tournament from team recruitment right through to the event taking place – all we need are volunteers who have a keen interest in football and want to be part of this worthwhile, friendly event.

The contacts for further details are:

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