Music for Her Majesty
On Sunday June 5th a large number of parishioners arrived at St Leonards Church for a tea party with music, in celebration of the 90th birthday of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Church Centre was full to capacity for this event and everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The music was led by the Church Choir, expertly accompanied by Anne Walters and conducted by Barbara Marsh. They had chosen a selection of anthems, hymns and songs, many well known and loved for everyone to join in. The music was associated in various ways with the life of Her Majesty, including the song said to be her favourite, 'People Will Say We're In Love' from 'Oklahoma'! A delicious tea of sandwiches and cakes was kindly provided by a team of helpers led by Frances, Janet and Hazel and everyone very much enjoyed the food, drink and companionship. The event was brought to a close with a rousing rendition of Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, and of course, the National Anthem.

Many thanks to everyone who came and celebrated so enthusiastically and to all those who helped in any way.

Evergreens 50+
The Evergreens held their Queens 90th celebration in the Village Hall. John Loudan the Chairman of the Club said, ‘The dinner was well attended and accompanied by patriotic singing and flag waving.’
Regal in Ryton
The Action Research group held their Queens 90th celebration in the Village Hall on April 17th. The *traditional afternoon tea* consisted of sandwiches & cakes and was a sell out event, raising funds over £690.

Ryton History Group
The group attended the school and Church fete and were please to be inundated with children interested in Ryton village history.

Photo right: Children at Provost Williams Primary Fete at the display.

The Blacksmiths
The village welcomes new residents of The Blacksmiths.

Julie, Nigel and Adam have been in the pub business nearly ten years and have taken over the running of the establishment until 2021. We can confirm that plans been drawn up by the brewery for a refurbishment later this year.

Julie says, ‘We will be selling traditional pub food as well as a take away menu on offer, coffee and cakes during the day. We also plan to hold a Real Ale Hard Peg Club every Wednesday evening.’

The Blacksmiths have confirmed they are looking for waiting, bar and kitchen staff. If interested, please get in touch.

For updates on events please like them on Facebook or phone 02477 673 120.

Spend over £25 on food on Monday or Tuesday evening and get £5 off of your bill - Bring this article in!
As you can see from the pictures the editor has included from this years fete, football & CONGA event - all three elements were a tremendous success.

We are fortunate in this village to have a great number of talented and very hard working people. We are very grateful to all those who choose to give their talents and their hard work to these events, which is not only a benefit to the church financially (the income from this one day makes up a significant part of our annual budget), but also benefits the whole village and enrich our community.

Of course an event is nothing if it is not well attended and we are very grateful to all those of you who did come out to support this event.

If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we might improve on what we did this year, we’d be pleased to hear from you.

Rev David Wintle

On behalf of St. Leonard’s PCC
St Leonard’s Church Services and Events, July - August 2016

Fifth Sunday - 31 July - there is a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Baginton at 10.00 am (No service at Ryton on that day)

Monday 15 August - Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7.30 pm Holy Communion with members of Musica Sacra choir

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST LEONARD’S:

1st and 3rd Sundays
9.30 am Parish Communion with Sunday School followed by coffee and biscuits in the church centre.
6.30 pm Evensong

2nd Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion,
9.30 am Village Worship - activities, games, coffee and chat in the Church Centre followed by a short service in church.

4th Sunday
9.30 am Family Service followed by coffee and biscuits in the Church Centre.
6.30 pm Holy Communion

There is also a service of Holy Communion each week on a Wednesday - 1st, 3rd & 4th weeks at 9.20 am and at 11.30 am on the 2nd week of the month.

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Mr. Ron Backholler

Ron Backholler served Ryton on Dunsmore as a Parish Councillor for an astonishing 41 years and was Chairman on numerous occasions, notably when Ryton won the Best Kept Village in Warwickshire Award and when the Government OK’d the roundabout on the A45 by the old Vicarage – a development that has undoubtedly saved several lives. Ron also served as a Rugby Borough Councillor for 8 years. He was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, and compere of the Ladies’ Guild annual concert for the elderly people of the village and former school governor.

Former Ryton school boy Ron Backholler’s first job was at Standard Triumph before fulfilling his ambition to become a design draughtsman. In 1960 he helped design parts for the Hillman Imp. Eventually, he became a buyer and worked at the Stoke Plant. In 1990 he was head-hunted by a firm who were agents for a French/German firm who made fixings for cars, washing machines, anything that needed fixing. He went to all the car firms peddling his wares from Liverpool to Dagenham. He also sold steel to Sheffield – the English steelworks loved French steel. Ron retired when the Ryton Peugeot car factory closed: he supplied them with fixings until they finished.

It’s difficult to separate the things which Ron loved doing from his service to this village, to the church, as Chairman of the Coventry Philatelic Society, to the Scout movement, to his country during National Service in the RAF. The Rev’d Trevor Sykes wanted to start a scout troop in Ryton. Ron was the first Akela, becoming Assistant District Commissioner Cubs for Cheylesmore District and finally District Commissioner for Cheylesmore. He was awarded the Medal of Merit for Scouting for his long and loyal service.
Ron was an enthusiastic bell ringer: he was instrumental in helping to raise the money to augment the three old bells in the Church tower to six in 1988. The project caught the imagination of the village, and only three years later the six bells became a ring of 8. Ron was Tower Captain from the beginning until ill-health forced him to retire only a couple of years ago. If anything happened, or if anything needed doing, he knew about it and if something did need doing he made sure that it was done. When he was unable to continue as Churchwarden, he was elected Churchwarden Emeritus at the Annual Church Meeting, and he continued as a PCC member, so the Church Council continued to benefit from his wisdom and experience.

The Rev David Wintle said, ‘Ron was a friend and a great support to me, and a helpful critic too if he thought things were not going right. He will be very much missed but his legacy to the church and the village is that so much of what he started or helped to keep going here outlives him and continues to enrich people’s lives.’

**Mr. Jim Curry**

‘Jim was a lovely bloke who had a presence in the village’ writes former Parish Councillor Dave Sage. Dave continues, ‘Jim was a funny well known character who loved a pint and supported both pubs in the village. You always knew when Jim was in the pub by seeing his mobile cart parked out side the Malt! He risked his life each night by going the wrong way over the A45 on his way home but he didn’t care.’

Jim had quite a sense of humour, he was always getting up to tricks – one time he dressed up as Indian selling things from door to door and managed to completely fool one of his neighbours! Jim was a community-minded man; he served as Chairman of the Royal British Legion Club and had his head shaved for charity several times at the Malt Shovel, definitely had a mind of his own; despite health scares in recent years he went on doing exactly what he wanted to do and living life the way he wanted, and insisted on staying in the home he had shared with Elsie. From the day she died it was his wish to be reunited with her.
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**What’s ON!**

**Mondays**

Baby/Toddler Clinic is held at ‘The Ark’ (Photo left) which is based at Provost Williams C of E Primary School on Sodens Av, 9am till 11am.

Stay and Play is run in conjunction with the Baby Clinic. The Health Visitor attends Stay & Play every fortnight. No charge to attend.

The Ladies Guild ‘Melody Makers’ meet every Monday at the Church Centre, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, for more information please contact Mrs. June Backholler Tel: 76/302353

**Tuesdays**

Evergreens 50 plus meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month 1.45-3.45pm at the Village Hall. For more Tel: John Loudon: 02476 301269.

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

Post Office is open from 10am until 2pm every Tuesday and Thursdays, located at the village hall.

**Wednesdays**

At the Village Hall, Beaver Scouts (6yrs-8yrs) from 6pm to 7.15pm. The Cubs (8yrs-10yrs) from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and Scouts (10yrs-14yrs) from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

**Thursdays**

Ladies Guild meet on the first Thursday of the month from 7.45pm at the Village Hall. For more details please contact Mrs. June Backholler Tel: 76/302353
Easy Dancing every Thursday 9.30am-12 at the Village Hall. For all ages, come and join in! For more details please contact Graham on Tel: 02476 301770.

Bingo on the 2nd and last Thursdays of the month at the Village Hall, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

The Twirls meet every third Thursday of the month at St. Leonards Church Centre, Church Road, between 7.30pm-9.30pm. For more details on future events contact: Sam 07854 002931

**Fridays**

Ryton History Group meet every fourth Friday of the month, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Yearly membership is only £20 or entry to monthly meetings is £2.50. For more information please contact Steve Garrett Email: carrotfromryton@talktalk.net or telephone 024 76 639 228 or find us on Facebook!

**Cannon Park Shop Visits**

The village mini bus travels to Cannon Park shopping area twice a month on Monday mornings. Pick up points are located on the High Street (next to the co-op) and Leamington Road. The fare is only £1 per person. For availability of a seat and more details, please contact Joy Gurney on 02476 302 096.

**Village Mini Bus for Hire**

The 17 seated mini bus is available to hire by anyone or group in the village and can be driven on an ordinary licence. For availability and booking, please contact Dougie on 02476 306895.

**Ryton Village Hall Hire**

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