The Parish Council bought the field at the bottom of Church Road from Severn Trent last year. The intention is that it should become an extension to the Steetley Meadows Conservation Area when cleared and restored.

We have since been working with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to prepare a restoration plan and grant application under the Living Landscape Project. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the initial stages of this work ahead of grant approval which is expected at the end of the year. The first stage of Japanese Knotweed treatment has been carried out in September and further treatments are planned later in the autumn and in the spring. The treatment is being carried out professionally by a specialist company and poses no risks to people or animals.

**Presentation of Rugby Borough Council's Local Plan Preferred Options**

Rugby Borough Council (RBC) is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan. This is a key document which will set out the vision, policies and proposals for future development and land use across the Borough. It will include specific proposals for future housing development in Ryton on Dunsmore.

Rugby Borough Council are publishing their latest proposals for consultation on 26th September. We have arranged for Rugby Planning to put on a drop-in at the Village Hall to explain their proposals for the Plan and how it might affect Ryton.

This is on:

**Wednesday 12th October, 6.30 to 9.00 pm, Village Hall.**

This is an important meeting. The Local Plan will have a major impact on how our village develops over the next 15 years. Your opinion counts. Please come along to find out what is being proposed and have your say.
Also on the planning theme, all parishes are being encouraged to develop their own Neighbourhood Plans. A Neighbourhood Plan is a statement of policies intended to determine the quality, quantity and location of new development in our community. It will be developed by the Parish Council but based on extensive community consultation.

It is different from the Parish Plan we prepared four years ago in that:

* It is more narrowly focussed, dealing specifically with land use (i.e. housing and commercial development)
* Will be put to the Village for approval in a referendum.
* Has legal status once approved and MUST be taken into account in any future planning decisions.

It is clear that the Neighbourhood Plan process is part of the Government's push for more 'localism' to ensure that local communities have a significantly greater say in development decisions in future. If we don't participate we will miss this chance. Based on other parishes' experiences, simply put, the process requires a group of about 15 villagers, 18 months and some funding (grants available). We have to work through a structured process, engaging with the Village and involving the local Planning Authority with a village referendum to approve the Plan as a final step.

We have taken the first step of applying to Rugby with our proposal of the scope that our NP should cover. We need now to get together the team which is going to take this forward. If you think you might be interested in taking part or just want to find out more before committing please contact Geoff Marsh (07785243293, geoffandba@gmail.com or 99, High Street) or any other Parish Councillor or the Clerk. This is a one-off opportunity to help shape the future of our Village. Please give some serious thought to playing a part and joining the Team.
**Around Ryton**

**News from Provost Williams**
It is with sadness Governors learned of Mr Henderson’s decision to resign from his role as Headteacher at Provost Williams. Mr Henderson leaves the school in a very good position; with a strong board of Governors and excellent team of teachers. Under his leadership the school has improved in many ways. Academic standards have risen, the quality of teaching has improved, the school’s facilities have developed and the range of opportunities for students has grown. All this has been done whilst maintaining the distinctive child-centred ethos which makes Provost Williams the friendly, caring, supportive school it is.

Mr Henderson has helped lead the school to great success and although he will be greatly missed, the Governing Body wish him every success for the future and would like to thank him for everything he has done for Provost Williams.

Donna Mason, Chair of Governors.

**POP** (Parents of Provost) will be having their annual Christmas Fayre on Thursday 8th December, everyone welcome! - More details in our next issue.

**The Rec**
Volunteers are painting the children’s play area on the Rec, have spare time? We have the brushes and paint to hand out to any group or if you just wish to pop along in your own time. Please contact Cllr. Rod Clarke on 02477 677477 for more details.

**Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2016**
The Ryton History Groups Remembrance Exhibition will be at the Village Hall between 10am and 12 midday. Refreshments available.

Catch up with news and events around Ryton on our Facebook page and Twitter accounts!
Remembrance Service
- New Arrangements

This year’s Remembrance Service on

Sunday 13th November

As last year -

.......The two minutes silence at 11am will be held at the War Memorial rather than in church.

The arrangements are therefore:

Church Service - 10.10am
Two minutes’ silence at War Memorial 11.00am
St Leonard’s Church Services and Events
October & November 2016

Fifth Sunday - 30 October - there is a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Giles Church, Bubbenhall at 11.00 am
(No service at Ryton on that day)

Tuesday 1 November - Feast of All Saints
7.30 pm Service of Holy Communion

Wednesday 2 November - Requiem of All Souls
at 7.30 pm Commemoration of the recently departed, and others,
Holy Communion and the opportunity
to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s).

Sunday 6 November - St Leonard’s Day
Holy Communion for the Feast of St Leonard will be in the afternoon.
followed by a celebration of some kind - watch out for details

Sunday 13 November - Remembrance Day
Service of Remembrance at 10.10 am
to conclude at the War Memorial at 11.00 am

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.
As you can see from the pictures, the editor has included from this year’s 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

The editor would like to thank all those residents and groups that have provided photos for this issue of the Ryton on Dunsmore Newsletter.

St Leonard’s Church
Ryton on Dunsmore

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 26 November 2016
10 am - 12 noon
in the Village Hall

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**Mondays**

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

**Stay and Play** is run in conjunction with the Baby Clinic ‘above’. The Health Visitor attends Stay & Play every fortnight. There is 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 +** meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month between 1.45-3.45pm at the Village Hall. Providing entertainment for the over 50’s. Tel: John Loudon: 02476 301269.

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

**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.

**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

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

The Twirls meet every third Thursday of the month at St. Leonards Church Centre, Church Road, between 7.30pm-9.30pm. Future events include:

- October 20th - Fruits of the Forest
- November 17th - Murder Mystery Evening
- December 15th - Christmas Crafts

For more details please contact Sam **07854 002931**

Fridays

Ryton History Group meet every fourth Friday of the month, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Contact Steve Garrett either email: carrotfromryton@talktalk.net or Tel: **024 76 639 228**

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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 and Leamington Road. Only £1. For details, contact Joy 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
The hall, side rooms and large kitchen are available for hire. For further details please contact Ms. Sarah Miller on **0781 0874976**. You can also book online on the village website [www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org.uk](http://www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org.uk)
Play Football? The Baginton Lions are currently looking for players for their under 13 (current year 8s) football team, play on Sundays 2pm and train on Saturdays and from October, training on Wednesdays in Wolston.

For more information Email: admin@bagintonlionsfc.com

We welcome kids of all ages and ability so if you would like to come along for a free taster session from our FA Qualified coaches, come down to Millenium Fields, Kimberley Road, Baginton, CV8 3AQ at 9.45am on Saturday mornings.

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‘It only cost’s £20 for half a page to advertise! ’
‘All money raised goes towards small village projects!’
Editor:- ‘It’s tradition our October issue looks again at a local legend or mystery. However after a request via social media we have two eerie story’s to share from local residents. I thank those who have contributed and wish to remain anonymous, but have still been brave enough to share their stories with Ryton on Dunsmore this coming Halloween!’

**Ghost Dog**

I remember sometime in the 1980’s when I was a teen, during a sleepless mid summers night, my late grandmother with whom I stayed with from time to time, shared with me a spooky story.

The story begins when she and her young family moved into their 1930’s built house in Leicester, with her three young sons and two daughters, who were around primary age or just above.

After moving in, late at night, both my grandparents heard the pitter patter footsteps on the landing of their new home, the sounds then seemed to make there way down the stairs. Thinking it was one of the children, they got up from bed to investigate only to find all of my uncles and aunties tucked up and fast asleep. There was no adjoining house and thinking it was simply the creaking of floorboards they weren't used too, put the incident behind them. Nevertheless every now and then, not regularly enough to become nuisance but always late into the night the pitter patter would materialize, very soft, not loud enough to disturb the sleeping children. My grandmother also claimed that at times she could hear a distant bark of a dog.

Then one day while my young uncles were playing in the garden, digging up a mud and grass to create a new road for their toy cars they came across the bones of a small dog. Eerie enough, after the find, the pitter patter on the house stairs and landing ceased and was never heard again.
Photo in Dublin

My wife and I set our minds to visit the vibrant city of Dublin a few summers back. See the sights and sounds and if possible re-trace some of my wife’s grandparents footsteps. On the second day of arriving, we decided to visit the Church that my wife’s grandmother was married in, St Audoen’s Church. We weren’t far, the sun was out and so figured a walk through the city would be a nice sight seeing adventure.

A ten minute walk on O’Connell Street and across O’Connell bridge which stretches’ over the River Liffey brought us to the lively Temple Bar district. We stopped for a small early lunch at one of the colourful cafe’s, then continued on our mission. Past Dublin’s medieval Cathedral towards the Cornmarket area and eventually coming to St. Audoen's Church. We were surprised to find that there were two churches of the same name, adjacent to each other. One was Anglican and the other Roman Catholic. My wife's family being Catholic, we knew which one to quietly enter. We were lucky enough to enjoy the 18th century Church to ourselves, while my wife read the notice board, I walked around the outskirts of the Church, looking at the many paintings of nuns and other religious artwork on the walls. I ended up back full circle, at the entrance doors where my wife was lighting a candle. A young student wearing a bright red coat suddenly walked in breaking the silence and started to make her way up towards the Alter, my wife whispered, ‘Quick take a photo!’ .....I did.

It was not until I got back to our hotel room and started to review my photos that I noticed a figure sitting fully dressed in black on the right, I was in that spot a few seconds before and can swear that no such person was at that spot. The small red image on the far right is the red jacket arm of the student walking up towards the Alter...... I can’t explain anything else.
Please use this handy window poster if you do not wish to be disturbed on Halloween Night.

No Trick or Treat Please