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Prologis Park Ryton Liaison Summary Report - Litter

Cllr. Rod Clarke (Ryton Parish) and Cllr. Dale Keeling (Rugby Borough) contacted us about the recent 'litter pick' they undertook in the vicinity of the A45 exit and the roundabout at the UK Mail site entrance. Consensus view is that litter is a longstanding issue on Oxford Road, and on A45. The roundabout seems to attract more than its fair share, possibly because passing drivers feel there is less chance of being observed, and vehicle speeds are lower. Lorries travelling to Bubbenhall tip, are also believed to be a major source of windblown litter en route. Since the matter was first reported last week, UK Mail have advised that they are arranging for at least two large waste bins to be located at their site entrance. These will provide an opportunity for tidy disposal of potential litter by persons entering and leaving site. Appreciation expressed to UK Mail for their quick and positive contribution to maintaining the local environment.

Litter Pickers Wanted!

One hour litter-pick sessions will take place between 10am to 11am on the last Saturday of each month, starting at the Village Hall car park. Picking equipment provided, you will only need warm clothes and suitable outdoor footwear. Litter picking selected areas around Ryton. For further information please contact Parish Councillor Rod Clarke on 07780433580.

No Rogue Trader Zone

PCSO Matt Havelock and colleagues delivered ‘No Rogue Trader Zone’ surveys and letters from Warwickshire Trading Standards earlier this month. They need at least 50% of survey replies back in order to help make our village a No Rogue Trader Zone. Please don’t forget to send your’s back in the pre paid envelope provided.
Flower Planter Two Installed
A second village flower planter has been installed on Leamington Road. This is a joint project between the Countryside and Website Action Groups after it was raised by residents in the Parish Plan. The Countryside Action Group will now plant the large box which will help add a welcoming entrance to the village. Signs promoting the village website will be added at a later date by the Website Action Group.

Come A’Wassailing
A great turn out of local residents and children this year at the annual Wassail ceremony which took place at Ryton Community Orchard.

The word 'wassail' comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase 'waes hael', which means ‘be whole’ or as we say today 'good health'. This is a traditional ceremony that involves singing and drinking to the health of apple trees on or near Twelfth Night. Villagers are encouraged to make loud noises to awaken the trees from their sleep and scare away evil spirits to ensure a good harvest of fruit.

Part of the ceremony involves pouring cider over a chosen trees’ roots and pieces of toast soaked in cider placed in the forks of its branches. Its also custom here in Ryton to include a bonfire.
The Blacksmiths Arms

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce my partner Nat and I, as we have recently taken over the tenancy on The Blacksmith's Arms. Our aim is to return the pub to the village, and restore it's identity as a central part of the community. We have learnt that many people felt that The Blackies (as we've since found out Rytonians refer to it!) was an island, and we are aware that it had fallen out of favour with many. In the short time that we have been here we believe that we have gone some way to improving the atmosphere. Our most memorable nights have been community centred events, most recently the pre-wassail gathering (and post-wassail for quite a few too!) We hope to continue that trend and offer you a warm, comfortable welcome to a community pub. We fully aspire to be here for the long term and offer some consistency.

Moving forward we are due to have a refurb in the next few months, which will see us reintroduce food to the pub. And later in January/early February we will be opening the back bar as a separate Tea Room, which we are very excited about! We will be offering coffee, tea, cakes, etc, through the day.

Many of you may know me by association, as my Dad is the Rector. Prior to becoming publicans we both worked in the Prison Service, so this venture is a complete change! We have a seven month old called Jack, and I have two more little monkeys called Isobel and Matthew. We are a family run pub, so please feel free to bring your kids along - they will be very welcome.

We are contactable via Twitter @TBA_Ryton or Facebook facebook.com/theblacksmithsarmsryton our website: www.the-blacksmiths-arms.com, the phone 02477 673120 - or feel free to come in and say hello! We do a great quiz night every other Thursday by the way - it might be a good opportunity to check us out!

We hope to see you soon, Ollie and Nat.
The Ryton on Dunsmore Evergreens 50 Plus Club

We meet in the village hall on the first and third Tuesday of the month between 1.45pm – 3.45pm. The group aims to provide regular entertainment and social events in a friendly atmosphere for ladies and gentlemen over the age of 50. Entertainment consists of musicians, singers and speakers. We also organize trips out to places of interest and lunch trips. The club celebrates occasions such as national events, birthdays and anniversaries.

New members are always welcome and would remind residents that we have the use of the village mini bus for transport to our meetings.

For further information contact
Chairman John Loudon on 02476 301269.

Do you want an Apprenticeship?
Freeman currently have an exciting opportunity in their Exhibition Services team based in Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry. Paying £127.50 per week.
If this is of interest please get in touch by email to UK_HR@freemanco.com
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.

‘Melody Makers’ meet every Monday at the Church Centre, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, for more information please contact Mrs. June Backholler Tel: 76/302353 new members always welcome.

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. Contact Sam 07854 002931

Future Events Include:

Thursday February 16th: Warwickshire Search & Rescue
Thursday March 16th: Zumba Night
April 20th: Beekeeping Adventures in Uganda with Bees Abroad

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 or ‘like’ the Ryton History Group on Facebook for updates.

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 more details, please 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

Find us on social media either at @rytonondunsmore Or facebook.com/rytonondunsmore
St. Leonard’s Church

- Sunday 29 January -
United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am at Ryton, followed by refreshments in the Church Centre.

- Thursday 2 February -
Service of Holy Communion for Candlemas at 7.30 pm

- Ash Wednesday 1 March -
Services of Holy Communion with ‘Ashing’ at 9.20 am and 7.30 pm

On Mondays in Lent beginning 5 March there will be a Lent Course in the Church Centre from 7.30 pm – 9 pm approx. Refreshments. Thursdays throughout Lent ‘Stations of the Cross’ at 6.30 pm a service at which we recall Jesus’ journey to the cross.

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

St. Leonard’s Church Centre, Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm

Puzzles & Pancakes
a quiz before Lent, with Pancakes served in the interval
£5 per person

For details or to let us know you’re coming, Call David on 02476 301 283 or email: dandfwintle@gmail.com
Proceeds to: The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (the oldest Anglican missionary society)

Teams welcomed from all village clubs & groups!
Modest prizes for winning teams, Come and enjoy the fun!
St. Leonard's Church
Ryton-on-Dunsmore

Saturday
24 June

FETE & Football Competition
and CONGA

Community gathering

The Annual St Leonard's Church Fete, Football and Community Event is fast approaching and it really needs your help. Due to some of our current volunteers hanging up their boots after years of service, we are in desperate need for people to help bring this amazing community event together.

In particular we are looking for a person or a team (a couple?) who would be able to obtain sponsorship and raffle prizes. In the past we have secured many great prizes from local sources such as meal vouchers, flowers, cakes, Jamesway travel vouchers, chocolates all to name but a few. We have had sponsorship from Keller, Jaguar Land Rover and the Co-Operative.

To ensure this amazing community day can happen we need a person or team who would be willing to go out and contact local sources, forging or nurturing good relationships to obtain sponsorship and prizes.

Please, if you think you can offer any help, any amount of time at all it would be so gratefully received. Please contact Fiona Tetlow on Fionatetlow79@gmail.com or David and Frances Wintle on 02476301283 / dandfwintle@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support.
Pancake Day is followed by Ash Wednesday and so the season of Lent begins .......

Lent is a penitential time, when we can reflect on our shortcomings and make ourselves ready for Easter. To help you do that there is a series of meetings in Lent - a Lent Course.

Details of the theme and content of this year’s course are still to be decided, but the discussions are usually lively and thought provoking, offering the opportunity of a greater understanding of our faith. We’ll publish information on the Pew Sheets and on Facebook as soon as we have it.

This year, the Lent Course will take place on Monday evenings, starting on 6 March, in St Leonard’s Church Centre. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm but come a little earlier for some tea, coffee and biscuits. The sessions will finish by 9.00 p.m.

There will be five sessions in all, but feel free to come to any of them, as and when you can.
Louise Aspin MA

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I am a qualified TEFL teacher with 8 years’ experience teaching in the UK and Europe. I am happy to give a one off session in the build up to exams or coursework hand in date or we can arrange a weekly/biweekly session.

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- Maths and English SATS
- Functional Skills Maths and English
- Proof reading of coursework

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07757037424
Local Ryton-on-Dunsmore resident, Jennifer, is on a mission to save people money and has already helped several 'Rytonians' lower their bills considerably. By simply introducing her neighbours to a British PLC company, she can actually **SAVE** them money – guaranteed!

Mr & Mrs Smith (27 years in Church Rd, Ryton) were having problems with their previous supplier until they spoke with Jennifer. She has personally overseen a switch of all their main utility services, saving them time and effort, as she visits customers at home at a convenient time.

Mr Smith said **“Having someone local to speak to who you can trust and who also provides great service, is brilliant! We now only get one convenient monthly bill for all our services, with approximately 50% savings on our electricity!”**

To help reduce customers’ electricity bills **FOREVER**, the company are replacing the nations lightbulbs completely **FREE** of charge with brand-new, energy-saving, LED bulbs that use 15% less electricity than traditional bulbs.

These bulbs are expensive to buy and would normally cost anywhere between £3 - £10 per bulb!

Mr Smith is very happy and said **“The lights are lovely and bright, I’m saving money, the fitters did a magnificent job – and it’s totally free! What is there not to like? I would recommend Jennifer to everyone!”**

So, why not do what Mr & Mrs Smith have done, call Jennifer for a free, no obligation quote and see how much you could and should be saving. Then you too could claim you **FREE** LED Light Bulbs. **“Trust me, you won’t regret it!”**

**Call Jennifer on**

**07833 209 666**