In September 2018 the Ryton History Group and St. Leonard’s Church are commemorating the end of the first World War.

Ryton village has many old photos and postcards of the first twenty years of the twentieth century. The Ryton History Group have some of these, however, they are copies of copies of copies. These copies will not allow us to print A3 pictures clearly.

The History Group are hoping to mount an exhibition of these photos and postcards, if you have any original photos or postcards, can they borrow them please? Contact Barbara Harris 02476302348 or Steve Garrett 07587699234 if you can help.
Progress with Village Projects
• The Village Hall car park was completely resurfaced in July and now looks very much smarter.
• The Pavilion refurbishment is continuing, the latest stages being rewiring the electrics and insulation and relining of the ceilings.
• Following a long and tortuous process we have at last received notification that we have been awarded a grant towards the renovation of the War Memorial. This work will now be progressed.
• Work has continued to clear Ryton Water Meadow at the bottom of Church Road. In September we plan to replace the access gates and fencing on the boundary with Redland Lane.
• Also in September we have arranged for a specialist contractor to carry out a full refurbishment of the play equipment on the Recreation Ground: climbing frame, zip wire and enclosed children's play area. Apologies that this will mean the area is out of use for a few days but it should be a big improvement.

Neighbourhood Plan
Things are happening! A Steering Committee has been set up to start preparing the Neighbourhood Plan for Ryton. To find out more and see how you might become involved, look out for the flier which will be appearing through your letterbox shortly!

Parish Council Clerk/RFO
Applications are invited for the post of part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council. For more information or to apply, please send a CV and any other supporting information by email to rytonondunsmore@btconnect.com. Closing date for applications is noon Tuesday 5th September.

In Loving Memory
David Health/Ford husband of Lesley, father of Samantha, Helen and Fred. Grandfather to Donna and loving brother to Elaine, passed away on the 12th August. Will be sadly missed. Service at Canley Crematorium 31st August at 3pm. Donations to RNLI.
Village Litterpick
Big thank you to Tony and Catherine who joined Cllr. Rod Clarke, between them they collected five bin liners of litter from our two rec’s, part of the A45, Leamington Road and High Street.

The next Litter Pick will be on Saturday **30th September** 10am to 11am, starting at the Village Hall car park. All equipment provided! For more information please contact Parish Councillor Rod Clarke on 02477677477 or 07780433580.

Warren Field/Warren Close Planning Application
An amended planning application to erect 29 affordable dwellings with access and landscaping has been resubmitted to Rugby Borough Council. Copies of the application and plans can be seen online at www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk Ref: R14/0011. If you wish to make comments please email: richard.holt@rugby.gov.uk or comment online.

Ryton Star FC Update
Having a great start to the first half of their first year Ryton Star FC are back in training. Their next Under 10s game is on 9th September. For news and updates on games, ‘like’ their facebook page: Rytonstarfc Ryton.

*Pic: The team after winning the Southam Tournament in June.*
Amanda Govern has taken on the challenge of running the Virgin London Marathon 2018.

Please come and support her at this fantastic fundraising event for Asthma UK.

The event kicks off with the doors opening at 7.00pm, with the main event of the night starting at 7.30pm:

**Miss Tiara “TP”, a stand-up comedy act for ADULTS ONLY, followed by disco.**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14th 2017** at the Sports Connexion, Leamington Rd, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3FL

Tickets priced at £15.00 inc Curry meal

Tickets available from Amanda,
Please email: governamanda@gmail.com
The Week Ahead

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.

‘**Melody Makers’** meet every Monday at the Church Centre, Contact Mrs. June Backholler Tel: **76/302353**

Tuesdays

**Evergreens 50 Plus** on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month between 1.45-3.45pm at the Village Hall. Tel: **02476 301269**.

**Line Dancing** 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall For more information, please contact Graham Tel: **02476 301770**.

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

Thursdays

**Ladies Guild** meet on the first Thursday of the month at the village Hall, For more please contact Mrs. Backholler Tel: **76/302353**

**Easy Dancing** every Thursday 9.30am-12 at the Village Hall. For all ages, come and join in! For more, Graham Tel: **02476 301770**.

**The Twirls** meet every third Thursday of the month. For more information on events, please contact Sam **07854 002931**.

Fridays

**Ryton History Group** meet every fourth Friday of the month, Contact Steve Garrett email: carrotfromryton@talktalk.net.

**Village Mini Bus for Hire** The mini bus is available to hire at 65p per mile. To book or check availability Tel: **02476 306895**.

**Ryton Village Hall Hire** The hall is available for hire contact Mrs. Sarah Spann on **07522 486 128**. www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org.uk

**Cannon Park Shop Visits** The village mini bus travels to Cannon Park twice a month. For details contact Joy on **02476 302 096**.
St Leonard’s Church Services & Events, September - October 2017

Fifth Sunday - 29 October - there is a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Leonard’s at 9.30 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 & chat in 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.

Contacts for further information:
Rector: The Reverend David Wintle - Tel No: 024 7630 1283 or email: dandswintle@gmail.com
Reader: Mrs Rosemary King - Tel No: 01788 573067
Churchwardens:
Mrs Janet Smith - Tel No: 024 7630 6224 & Mr John Church - Tel. No: 024 7654 0219

12 September at 7.30 pm - The Life of the Church
An opportunity to air your views and ask questions about worship and more ... why do you come to church or why don’t you come to church? do you come to regular services, or just the ‘hatching, matching & despatching’ services? Please come and share your thoughts and feelings
*Refreshments available*

For everyone who helped with this year’s Fete, Football & Conga

We hope that you will forgive us for not writing individual letters of thanks this year. So many of you worked so hard to make this year’s event a great success and we are extremely grateful.

Please come along to the Church Centre on
16 September from 7 pm
Post Fete Party - Bring & Share
& enjoy the celebration!
St Leonard’s Church Ryton upon Dunsmore

is pleased to invite you to our

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

at 4.30 pm, Sunday 17th September

featuring hymns chosen by Ryton organisations

Come and praise the Lord by having a good old sing!

followed by tea & cake in the church centre

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Please come and join the fun!

**St Leonard’s Church**

30 September, at 7.30 pm

**Autumn Harmonies**

An evening of music & song, wine, cheese & nibbles (non alcoholic alternatives available)

Tickets £7.50 (family concessions - please ask)

Tickets or further information: contact the Churchwardens or Rector

- Mrs Janet Smith  - 024 7630 6224
- Mr John Church  - 024 7654 0219
- The Rev’d David Wintle  - 024 7630 1283
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**Forever Living Party**  
**Saturday 7th October 3.30pm**  
**Free, all welcome**  
**The Blacksmiths Arms**  
**In room behind the main bar**

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Or email sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

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Knightlow Morris Men

We are a new men's morris side based in Ryton, looking for new recruits. Love of real ale and a big bushy beard not essential, but welcome!
Email knightlowmm@yahoo.com
Call Ollie on 07800 859377
or pop into The Blacksmiths Arms and ask us about it!
The Haunting of old Ryton Bridge

This autumn marks my five year anniversary as Newsletter editor and I would like to re-visit the first ghost story printed in my first issue, kindly provided by Steve Garrett of the Ryton History Group.

On the second of May 1734 Thomas Wildey allegedly brutally murdered his aunt Susannah Wall and her daughter Ann Shenton, who owned the White Lion in Smithford Street in Coventry. He was found guilty and sentenced to hang at Whitley Common. They hung Thomas till he was nearly dead then placed him in a gibbet to die. There he remained rotting for a good few years as a warning sign to travellers who should think twice about committing any evil doings. Finally he was taken down and his remains were scattered in a nearby sandpit.

In 1793, sand and clay from the sandpit were used in the bedding, jointing of the Ryton bridge stonework. Since then, the bridge has had strange sights and noises occurring over the years, normally in May and in the dead of night. A strange patchy mist hangs over the area and lights seem to flitter nearby. Many a Toll Keeper left this lucrative post in a state of panic after only spending a few nights living in the toll house yards from the bridge (now the Citrus Hotel). Because so many keepers left their posts, the Toll House was eventually moved away from the bridge towards Coventry.

The stonework is visible today not far from the Citrus Hotel, over 200 years after it was first constructed with crushed parts of Thomas’s rotted body. Legend says Thomas was wrongly accused, maybe Thomas is still waiting for his royal pardon.
No Trick or Treat Please